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46,505 JAPANESE KILLED IN OKINAWA FIGHTING

GREAT FIRES SET IN NAGOYA BY SUPERFORTS

More Than Million Fire Bombs Dropped By 500 B-29's

TOKYO AREA STRAFED

By James Lindsley
GUAM, May 17.—(P)—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 two Jima strafed the Fujisawa district on the southern outskirts of Metropolitan Tokyo.

Today's B-29s dropped more than 3,500 tons of fire bombs on a 16-square-mile target area centered on the section adjoining Nagoya's inner harbor and estuary docks. 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.

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

JAP CLAIM

A Japanese imperial communique claimed nine B-29s were shot down, almost identical with its story after Monday's raid in which two Superfortresses were destroyed. The enemy communique said the Atsuta shrine was bombed, but made no mention of industrial damage.

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

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WRAY'S MEDALS TO HIS MOTHER

GASTONIA, May 17.—Mrs. Oeland B. Wray of 807 South Chester street, Gastonia, has been presented the Bronze Oak Leaf clusters to the Silver Star and the Bronze Star awarded posthumously to her son, First Lieut. Edmund L. Wray, formerly of Charlotte.

Lieutenant Wray, a native of Gastonia, was connected with the Hotel Charlotte before entering service, and also had been connected with the Hotel Charles at Shelby. He entered service as a member of the Charlotte company of the National Guard, which was federalized and ordered to duty in September, 1940.

Presentation of the awards to Mrs. Wray was made by Colonel Wilbur J. Fox of Camp Croft, S. C., in an informal ceremony at Mrs. Wray's home here.

The awards, presented posthumously to Mrs. Wray on behalf of her son, who was killed in action, were for "gallantry in action against the enemy, exceptional initiative and bravery and superior leadership" during engagements from July 11 to July 16, 1944, and on August 10 and 11, 1944.

German Prisoners Being Used To Help Allies Against Japs

PARIS, May 17.—(P)—German manpower and technical skill already have been put to work by the Allies helping to win the war against Japan.

This is one of the top priority jobs for the millions of prisoners in Allied hands. As fast as they can be screened they are being used in every possible way to speed the gigantic task of redeploying American forces and equipment for the cleanup in the Pacific.

Skilled German prisoners are being used to recondition equipment to be shipped to the Far East. Others by the thousands are toll-



'IKE MEETS WINNIE, GOES TO THEATRE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left at top), Allied Supreme commander, halts for a chat with Prime Minister Churchill in London May 16 after lunching with the British leader at No. 10 Downing Street. The general came to London from his headquarters on the continent for a brief vacation which allowed him his first "night out" in three years. Bottom: Gen. Eisenhower and his party enjoy a musical show in a London theatre. Left to right: Lt. John Eisenhower, the general's son; Miss Tony Porter, not further identified; Gen. Eisenhower; his secretary, Lt. Kay Summerby, and Gen. Omar N. Bradley.—(AP Wirephoto by radio from London.)

AT CONFERENCE:

Peace-League Plan May Be Ready Soon

Big-Power Problems Piling Up In Background For Months Ahead

By John M. Hightower
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor
SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—(P)—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 a whole series of small nation 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.

COMING TO HEAD

That situation, in fact, is already coming to a head over the United States proposal that the new charter should allow for regional defense systems to protect nations which the world security system may fail to protect against attack.

Ambassador Andrei Gromyko, chief Soviet delegate, wired the

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Secretary To Hitler Believes Him To Be Dead

BERCHTESGADEN, May 17.—(P)—Adolf Hitler's chief secretary, Gerhard Herrgessell, says he is convinced the Nazi fuhrer had died in Berlin.

Although he said he had not witnessed the reported last stand of high Nazis in the Reich chancellery, Herrgessell declared in an interview yesterday that Hitler made up his mind on April 22 to remain in the German capital to the end. He quoted Hitler as saying:

"I have always given orders not to retreat; now I can only follow my own command."

Herrgessell said he himself left Berlin on April 22 and flew to Berchtesgaden after Hitler had ordered all persons not considered indispensable to leave the capital. The secretary, a member of the Hitler entourage for years, asserted that numerous persons had appealed to the Nazi leaders to change his mind but that Hitler had declared: "I now make the final decision that I stay and die."

Hitler's sweetheart, Eva Braun decided to stay with him to the last, Herrgessell said. But whether she did or not he could not say. Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels went to Hitler with a plea that if nothing else can be saved, let us fight on against Bolshevism," the secretary said.

But Hitler, listless and vague, did not seem interested.

Several high Nazis called with protestations of faith and urged the fuhrer not to die. Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, declared they would not leave.

But Gen. Gustav Jodl, the man who signed surrender terms for the Germans at Reims, stated, accordingly to Herrgessell: "I am not going to stay and get killed in this mousetrap."

At the time of his announced intention of standing and dying, the secretary said, Hitler was certain he would meet his end within a week.

500 NAZI SUBS SUNK IN LONG SEA CONTEST

Japan-Bound German U-Boat, Carrying 3 Generals, Captured

FOURTH SURRENDERS

By Pope Haley
WASHINGTON, May 17.—(P)—The battle of the Atlantic cost Nazi Germany more than 500 U-boats sunk.

And, the dread undersea raiders which sent hundreds of Allied vessels to the bottom in the dark days of 1942 and early 1943 were able—once the escort system was perfected—to bag only 15 ships out of 16,760 sailing in convoy.

The dramatic story of the long and successful anti-submarine campaign was told to reporters yesterday by Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet. It included disclosures that:

Only last Sunday a 1,600-ton, Japan-bound U-boat carrying three Luftwaffe generals and German aviation plans sur-

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 17.—(P)—The fourth surrendered submarine to enter an American port was escorted into Portsmouth today and moored in the Piscataqua river alongside the U-873 and the U-805.

Forty-nine members of the crew of the U-1228 were brought ashore and nine remained on the craft. The vessel was commanded by Oberleutnant Frederick Wilhelm Marienfeld.

rendered 500 miles east of Newfoundland. Two Japanese aboard committed hari-kiri shortly before the surrender to a destroyer-escort. (The captive sub is expected to reach Portsmouth, N. H., May yard Saturday.)

Two Japanese submarines were operating in the Atlantic last summer. One was damaged, the other destroyed south of Iceland. Last June a task group off French West Africa captured the German submarine U-505 to mark the navy's first taking of an enemy warship in the high seas in 132 years.

ROBOT BOMBING

Ingram doesn't "take back a word" of his warning last winter of the possibility then of Nazi robot bomb attacks on the east coast. The navy was ready and frustrated the German plans, he said. The admiral told his news con-

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President Pleas By Conference Progress

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(P)—The White House reported today that President Truman is gratified by "the very satisfactory progress" being made at San Francisco toward setting up an international peace organization.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters that the conference is ahead of schedule.

He said the President had talked with Secretary Stettinius by telephone and concluded that everything was going nicely.

LEY CAPTURED:

Hunt Continues For Nazi War Criminals

PARIS, May 17.—(P)—Dr. Robert Ley, one of Hitler's most powerful lieutenants and erstwhile master of the laboring masses in Germany, was in American hands today, and the hunt continued relentlessly for the remaining members of the fuhrer's inner ring still at large.

Ley's capture by the 101st Airborne division climaxed these developments:

1. Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Gen. Eisenhower's deputy for the Occupation of Germany, announced that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz was considered a prisoner of war. The so-called German government was declared officially to be only a temporary stop-gap fully controlled by the Allies while it fulfills a useful purpose.

2. A dispatch from the U. S. Third army in southern Germany said an anti-Russian resistance

Yanks Advance In North Area Of Mindanao

By Dean Schedler

MANILA, May 17.—(P)—American 31st division doughboys drove five miles along Sayre highway in mountainous north central Mindanao while another veteran outfit, the 24th division, was still locked in close combat today with fanatical Japanese trapped near Davao City.

The push north of captured Maramag put the 31st within eight miles of the Valencia air fields and 55 miles from the 40th Infantry division. The latter is driving south from Del Monte along gravelled Sayre highway. Between these two forces the bulk of an estimated 50,000 enemy troops on this second largest Philippine island was preparing for a last-ditch stand in wild hill country of Bukidnon province.

Veterans of the 40th division, who landed a week ago at Macajalar bay on the north coast, were battling a powerful force south of Del Monte, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in today's communique. They advanced slightly against strong resistance.

Northwest of Lavo, the 24th slowly dug enemy troops out of entrenched positions between the Talomo and Davao rivers. Deep grass permitted the Japanese to steal through Yank lines and guns often were abandoned for knives, bayonets and fists in fierce fighting.

GUNS SILENCED

A marine dive bomber silenced one of several troublesome Japanese navy guns across Davao Straits and speedy P-T boats, in a daring daylight crossing of Davao gulf, destroyed six 70-foot torpedo boats and one barge, fired four fuel and ammunition dumps and knocked out a pillbox at Pisco

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Yugoslavs Ask Right To Stay In Carinthia

BELGRADE, May 16.—(Delayed)—(P)—Marshall Tito (Josip Broz) suggested today to the U. S. government that Yugoslav troops be allowed to remain in their present position in occupation of Austrian Carinthia, but be placed under the command of Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander.

The compromise suggestion was in reply to two notes handed to Tito by U. S. Ambassador Richard C. Patterson, restating the American position that boundaries should not be changed by force pending the peace conference. The United States also had asked withdrawal of Yugoslav troops from Trieste and parts of the former Italian territory of Venezia Giulia.

ASKS RIGHTS

The Yugoslav foreign office noted pointed out that Yugoslavia had not received an answer from the American or British governments to her request April 2 for agreement to a proposal that Yugoslav troops occupy a part of Austria.

The note said Russia had agreed to the proposal that in the absence of any reply from the Americans and the British, the Yugoslavs had gone ahead with the occupation.

It also expressed in strong terms Tito's conviction that the Yugoslav army's sacrifices and accomplishments in the war entitled the country to occupy the territory which it won from the enemy. The note declared that the part of Austria, which was occupied was taken from the enemy in battle.

The two American notes were understood to have the approval of the British.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

8:00 p.m.—Capping exercise for nurse's aides.

8:00 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. at Masonic Temple for work in first degree.

8:00 p.m.—Shelby high school band will give concert on court square.

8:00 p.m.—Baseball game between Shelby and Hickory in local ball park.

FRIDAY

8:00 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. for work in third degree.

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Tenth Army Enters Heart Of Capital

Battering At Bloody Gates Of Shuri And Yonabaru Fortresses

20,950 CASUALTIES

By Leif Erickson
GUAM, May 17.—(P)—A total of 46,505 Japanese have been killed on Okinawa by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr.'s, Tenth Army which today pierced the heart of Naha and was fighting on the blood-soaked approaches to Shuri and Yonabaru.

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

American casualties through Monday were 20,950; killed—2,771 soldiers; 1,010 Marines—total 3,781. Wounded—11,675 soldiers; 5,329 Marines—total, 17,004. Missing—129 soldiers; 36 Marines—total, 165. The Yanks captured 1,038 Nipponese.

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 1,011 daily—a ratio of one American to 12 Japanese.

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.

800-YARD DRIVE

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 couple hundred yards of Yonabaru, eastern anchor of the enemy defense line.

Meanwhile, elements of three di-

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Hunan Defeats Hurt Morale

Americans Find Evidence That Japs Lost Heart After Reverses

CHUNGKING, May 17.—(P)—Chinese combat command headquarters said today an American observer had found "increasing evidence that enemy morale has suffered heavily from unexpected reverses" in Hunan province.

The American's report praised the morale and fighting spirit of the Chinese who turned back the Japanese drive toward the American air base at Chihkiang. It said the aggressive Chinese defensive and counteroffensive tactics in Hunan surprised the Japanese and provided a psychological as well as physical factor in breaking down the enemy advance.

Fourteenth Air force fighters and bombers continued their attacks yesterday over a wide area on Japanese supplies, troops and communications.

Five enemy vessels were destroyed and five others were damaged in attacks on river shipping on the Yangtze and in the Slang corridor.

Censorship today permitted the disclosure that the new Chinese Sixth Army, which played an important part in the Burma campaign to open the India-China supply road, has been in China since last January.

THOMAS DIXON LIBRARY:

Weathers Successful In Getting Gift For G-W

Daily Star Bureau
Asso. Afternoon Dailies
By LYNN NISBET
RALEIGH, May 17.—The Thomas Dixon library of some fifteen hundred volumes and nine handsome oil paintings were moved Wednesday from Raleigh to Gardner-Webb college in Cleveland county, becoming permanent property of the college to be housed in a special Dixon room in the library building.

Back of that brief little news is an interesting story. More than two years ago Lee Weathers, publisher of the Shelby Daily Star whose printing plant is on the

homesite of the Dixon family in Shelby, began negotiations to obtain the Dixon books and pictures for the college. Former Governor Max Gardner had just "adopted" the old Bolling Springs school, put a good deal of his money into it, and stimulated other local support to make it a real junior college. The name was changed to Gardner-Webb College in honor of two distinguished Cleveland county families.

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COL. HARRELSON

FARM RESEARCH GIVEN PRAISE

Col. J. W. Harrelson, Chancellor Of State College, Addresses Alumni

High tribute was paid by Col. J. W. Harrelson, chancellor of State college, to the agricultural research work at that institution in an address to the Cleveland county alumni of State college at the Shelby hotel last night.

He was presented by Willis Murry, president of the local chapter, who presided at the meeting. Colonel Harrelson was accompanied here by H. W. (Pop) Taylor, alumni secretary of the college.

"The function of the land grant college was the theme which the chancellor developed. He said that under the university consolidation, this function, the economic development of the state, was allotted to State college. The carrying of the results of this agricultural research to the farming industries he declared to be a duty of the State college extension department.

FIRST APPROPRIATION

Col. Harrelson pointed out that the first state appropriation from the general fund for agricultural research which used to be carried on with funds raised by fees and similar items from the state department of agriculture was made in 1937 when O. M. Mull of Shelby appeared before the advisory budget commission and asked for \$5,000 for the study of apples. Next year there has been allotted for this research approximately \$294,000.

Results of this farm research has been far-reaching, Col. Harrelson declared. One county alone has received more than a million dollars more for its tobacco crop this year than it would have received had it not been for the study made by this department. Extensive work has also been done in the field of textiles, cotton and peanuts, among farm crops and in engineering.

Col. Harrelson is a native of

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PLANE CRASHES SOUTH OF CITY

A cub plane, owned by the Cleveland Flying Service and piloted by Floyd Willis, crashed into the woods south of Shelby just off the Grover highway yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock.

Mr. Willis, who was alone in the plane, received only a few scratches, however, the plane was badly damaged. The plane is believed to have gone into a spin just before it struck the tree tops.

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