



VINEGAR JOE—This excellent study of General Joseph Stillwell, commanding general of the U. S. Tenth Army, was made on July 6 during a press conference at his Okinawa headquarters. The general told correspondents that Japan would be hit from every possible channel.—(AP Wirephoto).

THE WAR TODAY: Japan's Will To Resist Shows Signs Of Cracking

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

There's a growing (though softly spoken) belief among professional observers that the Japanese homeland may fold up under the combined allied bombardment and blockade before the time for amphibious invasion arrives. This thought is based on the knowledge that the average human mind and body can stand only so much punishment without cracking up. It's true that fanatical Jap soldiers have been battling to the death, and Japanese civilians might do the same in face of invasion. However, I think we shall make a mistake if we assume that fighting to a finish in hand-to-hand combat is analogous to dying from starvation combined with fierce bombardment from far-distant warplanes and warships against which there's little or no defense. It takes a stout mentality to stand up long against an "intangible" foe.

OFFICIAL WORRY

The Tokyo government has been making no bones about the gravity of the crisis, and signs of official worry have been increasing. It would be worth something to know what the Mikado and his captains are thinking as the result of the terrific assault of the past several days. The appearance of British bombers in Japanese skies is in itself an ill omen for Nippon, for it bespeaks the gathering of allied forces in the Orient.

For days past, Admiral (Bull) Halsey's American Third Fleet has cruised along the northern coast of Japan with guns and carrier-based bombers tearing at enemy shipping, industrial centers and communications live one of Nippon's own earthquakes. Then yesterday 1,500 American and British carrier planes blasted the Tokyo area in the heaviest seaborne attack of the war.

It's significant that the Japanese have taken all this without counter blows of any consequence. Their greatly reduced naval fleet remained hidden, not daring to venture out and thus risk destruction which would leave the motherland without ocean defense against invasion.

AIR FORCE GROUNDED Likewise their airforce stayed largely grounded. Possibly the Nipponese are conserving what is left of this fleet for the day of invasion. News dispatches also say one reason for this seeming impotence in the air is lack of gasoline, due to destruction of supply centers and railroads.

This amazing striking-power which has been unleashed against Japan from the skies involves 2,000 or more allied warplanes, truly a terrifying force. But that's only part of the story, as Tokyo well knows, for the allied fleet will be augmented steadily as planes arrive from Europe. By the same token, the combined naval forces are increasing, and the landing equipment for

amphibious invasion is being rounded up.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz yesterday described this as the "preinvasion stage" and said we shall rely on two principal strategies to further our aim: "First, an ever tightening blockade of Japan's home islands; second, destruction by shelling and bombing of every industry and resource which contributes to Japan's ability to make war." To this he added grimly:

"We have paralyzed the will and ability of the Japanese navy to come out and fight. From this stage we must take a series of certain and progressive steps until the will and ability of the Japanese people to resist is broken."

Can this will to resist be broken by blockade and bombardment, without invasion? It is a possibility. There's no reason why we shouldn't recognize this, so long as we don't for one moment accept it as a probability and slacken our blows. It is possible only if we continue to press the attack while we have the enemy at a definite disadvantage.

Textile Scholarships Awarded At State

By LYNN NISBET

RALEIGH, July 18. — The first of a series of four-year scholarships in the school of textiles at State College was slated to be awarded Wednesday to a son or daughter of an employee of one of the four mills in the Erlanger system.

The scholarships were established by the mills in honor of Abraham and Charles Erlanger, founders of the business in the state. Awards are to be arranged so that a freshman will enter the school each year, which means that after 1950 there will be an Erlanger scholarship holder in each class at the school. Only children of employees in the Erlanger mills below the rank of superintendent are eligible to contest for the scholarships, which will pay between \$400 and \$500 a year. After passing certain preliminary educational tests, the surviving four or five eligibles will be interviewed by college authorities and the most likely one of the group selected for that year.

College officials are much pleased with the demonstration of interest on part of the Erlanger mills, which have plants at Lexington, Salisbury and Forest City, and they more or less quietly voice the hope that other large organizations will follow the scriptural injunction: "Go thou and do likewise."

Aerial photograph maps proved highly successful in locating farms and buildings in the taking of the 1945 census of agriculture.



MUSSOLINI'S WIDOW IN KITCHEN—Donna Rachele Mussolini, widow of the late Italian dictator who was executed by partisans, stirs a pot in the kitchen of an internment camp about 60 miles from Rome where she and two of her children are held in protective custody. This picture was made by Frank Noel, Associated Press photographer formerly stationed in the Atlanta, Miami, and Tampa bureaus.—(AP Wirephoto via Radio from Rome).

Bobby Barlow Is Seriously Injured

HICKORY. — Bobby Barlow, a Seaman in the United States Navy, is in a critical condition at the Richard Baker hospital from a skull fracture, which, according to information given police, was received in a freak accident Monday night. According to the story that is known, Barlow fell from a borrowed automobile and the vehicle continued on, allegedly driverless, for some distance, before finally halting.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN — Sixteen registrants of the Kings Mountain selective service board went to Fort Jackson, where they received pre-induction examinations.

Grady William Queen was sent for immediate induction while the

others accepted are to be inducted in future months. The others which were given the pre-induction examinations included: Houston Black, Melton Kiser, Floyd Orville Morris, Harry Caldwell Beam, Evans Biders, Virgil Fletcher Foster, Walter Durham Harmon, Bill Eugene Carpenter, Carl Webb Bridges, Roscoe Junior Chambers, Henry Mason Blanton, Ervin Andrew Henderson, Yates Augustus Smith, Jr., Floyd Henry Styers, and Lewis Eldford McGinnis.

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Lynch Is Building Houses At Kings Mtn.

KINGS MOUNTAIN — Haywood E. Lynch, former editor of the Kings Mountain Herald, is now having two houses built on upper Ridge street, about three blocks from his home. These houses are being built under permits recently for the building of 25 new houses in Kings Mountain, granted in hopes of relieving the housing shortage.

Mr. Lynch plans the building of seven houses immediately but only two have been started to date although others will be started when the materials become available.

Only two naval officers have ever held seats in the U. S. senate: Commo. Robert F. Stockton of New Jersey and Adm. Thomas C. Hart of Connecticut.

CLARK TO HEAD MEDICAL BOARD

Will Handle Contingent \$1,000,000 Found For Hospitalized Indigent

RALEIGH, July 18. —(P)—James A. Clark, Elizabethtown, former state senator, has been named head of the 10-member state medical commission created by the 1945 general assembly.

Dr. Clarence Poe, Raleigh, farm editor, is vice-chairman. Members of the commission are: Franklin J. Blythe, Charlotte contractor, associated with the Memorial hospital at Charlotte; B. E. Jordan, Saxaphaw, textile manufacturer and chairman of the board of Alliance General Hospital at Burlington; J. W. Beam, Spencer, former Rowan legislator; Dr. C. E. Rozelle, pastor of the First Methodist church, High Point; Don E. Elias, publisher of the Asheville Citizen-Times; Mrs. Richard J. Reynolds, Jr., Winston-Salem; William B. Rodman, Washington, former state senator; William Rich, Durham, manager of Lincoln Memorial hospital at Durham and the only negro member of the commission.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS Ex-officio members of the commission are: Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, secretary of the State Board of Health; Dr. Ellen D. Winston, state superintendent of Public Welfare; Dr. Paul W. Whitaker, Kinston; Dr. William Copplidge, Durham; Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, North Wilkesboro; Samuel B. Forbus, Durham; Dr. O. C. Barker, Asheville; Dr. Paul B. Bissette, Wilson; Flora Wakefield, Raleigh; and Dr. W. E. Rankin, Charlotte.

A budget of \$50,000 for each year of the current biennium has been set up for the commission which will handle a contingent appropriation of \$1,000,000 established to take care of indigent hospital patients.

Anti-Freeze Outlook Not Good For Winter

WASHINGTON, July 18 —(P)—Only the alcohol type of anti-freeze will be available for civilian use next winter, the War Production board said today. The agency said many distributors and dealers were not ordering the alcohol type on the theory that methanol type anti-freeze might be available. This is not the case, WPB said.

How long will it take to beat JAPAN?

One Year? Three Years? Five Years? Look at these Facts... From the Army and Navy. Then Figure it Out for Yourself!

In spite of Midway, Bougainville, Tarawa, Saipan, Leyte, Manila, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and all the other American victories, Japan now controls an area and population far larger than the United States, and with many natural resources greater than ours.

Her home islands are industrialized and organized to the last rivet, the last kilowatt of power, the last pair of human hands.

Japan can put in the field over 4,000,000 well-trained, battle-hardened troops, many with ten years of war behind them. This force is twice as large as all the German armies which defended France, the low countries and the Western front of the Reich against the combined armies of the United States, Britain, Canada and the Free French.

Back of these soldiers are more than 70 million civilians on the Jap home front, firmly indoctrinated in emperor worship—every

man, woman and child ready and eager to die for the man they believe is a god.

Japan is fighting on "interior" lines. It's true that its fleet is now much smaller than ours. But never forget that the U. S. Navy has a much bigger job to do.

The Japs have stated, and no thinking man or woman doubts it, that they are prepared to sacrifice 10,000,000 men to hold their empire. To the Japanese, life is cheap. The emperor and the state mean everything—the individual, nothing.

If the war were to end tomorrow, Japan would have put the seal on a conquest greater than Napoleon's.

"But," you say, "the war with Japan won't end tomorrow."

Well, what about it? Will it end "tomorrow," or next month or next year, for you? Are you planning to quit your war job, stop

your blood donations, slacken your Bond buying, use more gas, have more fun, ease up generally?

Before you do, remember that many a gallant American boy, now vibrant with the breath of life, will die at the hands of the Japs.

How many? Thousands? Certainly. Hundreds of thousands? Probably.

Well, how many? That's up to you.

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