



Washington, D. C.
BOMBING NIPS WITH B-29s
The plan of continuously bombing Japan from Saipan promises to be one of the most important strategies of the war. But like all difficult innovations, it already has evolved some serious kinks which must be ironed out.

They include: crew fatigue, maintenance problems, weather conditions and home front production of planes to replace those lost in action. Upon these factors depend the frequency with which we can keep up the rain of bombs on Japan.

The bombing of Japan from Saipan represents a grueling experience for the crews involved, and allowances must be made to provide necessary rest periods. If any of the crews participating in the Thanksgiving Day raid tried it again three days later, it would be only natural to expect that their operational ability would be proved reduced because of the wearing effect of the earlier 3,000-mile flight.

It has also been found that information on weather over Japan is still not entirely accurate.

But reconnaissance photos taken after the first two raids did show severe damage to a major aircraft plant outside of Tokyo, also effective shattering of several water front areas which are jam-packed with Tokyo traffic.

Other Obstacles to Raids.
Officials have also learned that the B-29 still has certain defects which may require modification in future production. These primarily concern the safety of air crews and should be remedied before bombing of Japan can be carried out on a day-to-day basis.

Air corps officials still reiterate that the air phase of the war against Japan is nearing its climax, but admit that several more months will pass before the air drive can be really stepped up to its peak.

One major hope is that General MacArthur's forces will be able to secure several bases in the Philippines so that the B-29s can operate from there, thus smashing at the south of Japan almost at will. Because of the B-29's vast size, it is almost impossible to conceal them under camouflage, with the result that Japanese planes still operating from scores of fields in the Philippines could bomb B-29s at will if they were based on Leyte now.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN

Now that Stalin has put the Japanese on notice for war, calling them an aggressor nation, another chapter regarding Jimmy Doolittle's raid on Tokyo can be told.

After dropping its bomb load on Tokyo, one of the planes developed a leak in its gas line. Aware that he could not make friendly Chinese territory, the pilot set his course for Soviet Siberia, figuring he might barely be able to reach dry land. Internment, he figured, was better than execution. When the fuel gave out, he had no idea where he was, but landed on the best flat stretch he could find.

As the crew of the plane piled out, a column of tanks appeared over a nearby hill. The airman climbed back into their plane and prepared to make a fight for it, but finally saw the Soviet red star on the leading tank and got out of the plane again.

The pilot walked forward to talk with the Soviet major who jumped out of the leading tank. Using English, gestures, and one or two words of Russian, the pilot tried to explain how he happened to be there.

Finally, the Russian officer stopped him. In fairly good English, he said: "Yes, we know all about the bombing of Tokyo. And we knew one plane was in trouble and might be heading this way. We came out to see if we could find you."

The bomber crew started to climb into the tanks when suddenly another column of tanks appeared from the opposite direction. A Jap officer came running toward the Russians, shouting, "This is Japanese territory. We demand the surrender of the Americans."

The Russian major immediately dug out his maps, insisting he was on Soviet soil. The argument raged in German for several minutes, until finally the Jap angrily stalked off, ordering his tanks to fire. This was answered by a volley from the Russian tanks, both aiming at the sky. The Russian tanks then drove on, leaving the airplane behind.

They had been going at a fast clip for about half an hour, when the Russian major turned to the American pilot and said:

"I now welcome you to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

The border had just been crossed.

CAPITAL CHAFF

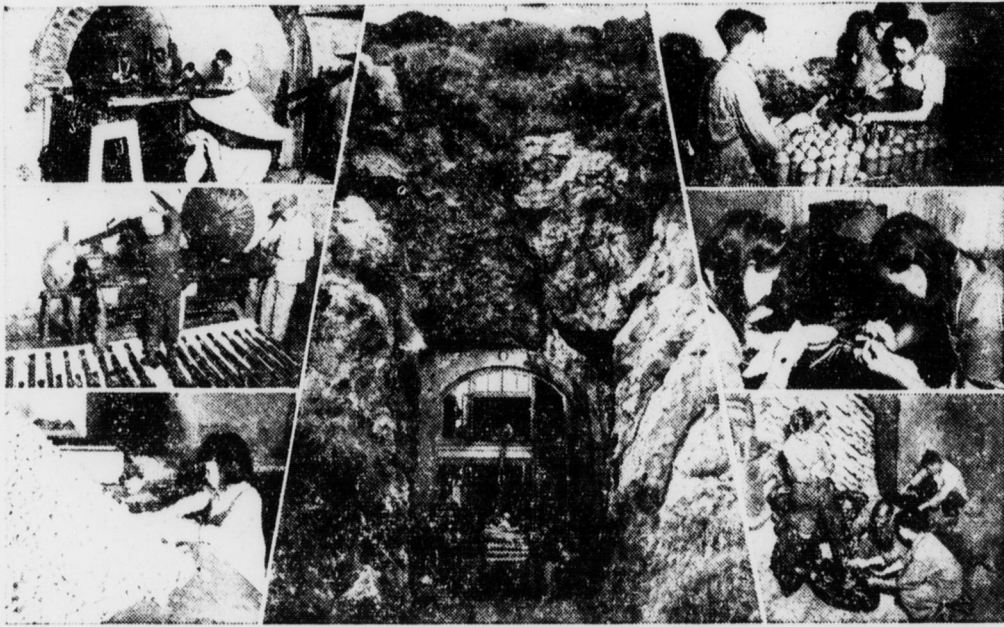
● Mrs. Melvyn Douglas will soon be in congress, elected from California.
● The railway brotherhoods, whose 400,000 members are affiliated with neither the AFL nor the CIO, are burned up over the appointment of Thomas Cashen of the AFL switchmen's union to the War Mobilization and Reconversion board's labor panel. Although Cashen's AFL union is in the transportation field, the brotherhoods feel that one of their own members should have been appointed to the labor panel.

Health Champions and 4-H Club Hog Winner



At left, four national health champions, selected at the 23rd 4-H Club congress, held at Chicago. L. to R.: Lucille Latza, of Lecher, S. D.; Robert Tolbert, 18, Paul's Valley, Okla.; Elizabeth Laughner, 18, Leetonia, Ohio; and Ale Ramey, 15, Redwood Falls, Minn. At right, Raymond Taylor of Kentland, Ind., and "Prince," Chester White Barrow, ruled supreme champion.

They Toil Daily Below Ground for Free China



Chinese, forced below the surface of the earth by the incessant bombing raids of Japanese airmen, are working tirelessly to produce the munitions of war so sorely needed by their armies in the field. This enormous underground arsenal has been hewn out of the solid rock foundation of a mountain in southwestern China. Here are electrically lighted rock caverns, connected by arched tunnels lined with cement.

Nazis Repaid by U. S. Artillery



Heavy artillery, part of the U. S. First army commanded by Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, contributes its share in repaying Germany for the wrecked cities of Europe. Photo shows the effect of complete saturation of American artillery of the town of Durviss, Germany, one of the border cities laid to ruins.

Gave Lives That Gobs Might Live



The army's Distinguished Service cross has been conferred posthumously on four Men of God, who gave their courage and their own life jackets to others aboard the sinking troop transport Dorchester. The chaplains went down with the ship. Two of them, shown, are L. to R., First Lieut. Alexander D. Goode and First Lieut. George L. Fox.

Army Got Navy Goat



Midshipman Bruce Winner is shown holding His Royal Goatship Bill IX, before the West Pointers won the traditional game by a 21 to 7 score.

Nurses French Boy



Pvt. Walton Trohon, Caplan, La., member of the Third army, plays nurse and washes face of orphaned French boy, somewhere near the German border, in France.



Notes of an Innocent Bystander:

The Magic Lanterns: "Meet Me in St. Louis" bulges with enough pleasant amusement to provide a month of daydreams. Set in the 23-skidoo era, the warm humor and infectious ditties inspire the spirit to show its dimples. Delightful Margaret O'Brien steals the picture and your heart. . . . A song-and-dance-cinema, "Something for the Boys," comes in on a buck-and-wing and lands gently on the eyes and ears. As in all musicals, the plot plays second fiddle—sometimes it seems that it isn't even in the orchestra. . . . The March of Time's latest concerns China—a nation of great tragedies, great heroisms, great hopes. . . . The script of "Blonde Fever" gets lost in a jungle of cliches—and no one misses it. . . . Those who dreamed up a dullo-drama like "The Last Ride" should be in the Hall of Fame—sweeping it.

The Paragraph of the Week:
L. H. R.'s colyum in the N. Y. Times previewed history with this dialogue: "One more question, Daddy. What finally became of this terrible Hitler?" . . . "For a long time, my child, nobody knew. There were stories, he was hiding in Spain, Japan, Argentina, Eire. You took your choice. Then, in 1960, a rug collector named Donnerblitz died of indigestion in Chicago. That was Hitler. He had been living there sixteen years." . . . "But didn't anyone guess, Daddy?" . . . "No, you see, except for changing his name and shaving off his mustache, he went right on being himself, damning Russia, England, democracy, the Gov't at Washington, and the U.S.A. in general. So the neighbors took him for just an ordinary crackpot and never gave him a second thought."

The book stores will shortly receive an extraordinary book called "Axis Rule in Occupied Europe." It is by Raphael Lemkin. It is published by the Carnegie Endowment, for International Peace. . . . Book oracles state it is really the last word on what the Nazis have done to The Old Country. The Writers' War Board (staffed with intellectuals, authors, editors, et al) is unable to name a "more important volume in its field." . . . The author of the book has created a word—"genocide" to define the calculated destruction by the Germans of national and racial groups. . . . Buy two copies. One to read over and over again and the other to bang on the head of any supporter of a Nazi soft-pedace.

The Private Papers Of a Cub Reporter:

Sufferers from the cigarette shortage would like to know just why it is that night clubs are enjoying nearly all the ciggie biz. This is how come. . . . The night clubs are in this enviable position because they've always charged a dime to 15 cents over the retail shop prices, and, of course, they still are permitted (by the OPA) to charge the same tariff as before the "ceilings" went into effect. . . . Then, besides getting 10c and 15c more per pack, the cigarette gals are invariably tipped an average of 25c for each pack. This, too, goes to the concessionaire. . . . As a result, getting 50c per pack for cigarettes (for which retail stores charge 17c) the concessionaires are able to pay a good deal more for cigs than the retailers. That explains why all the night spots are doing a terrific ciggie biz.

Our Macon editor relays this letter from Dr. W. B. Burke. His son James is with our State Dept. Jim auth'd "My Father in China." . . . Dr. Burke spent 50 years in China. . . . The letter in part: "The whispering campaign in China against the Generalissimo and his wife is largely the work of pro-Jap 5th colonists. Unfortunately some of our correspondents over there have gotten some of the reports in the papers over here. . . . At first the Generalissimo thought he would ignore them. Then he realized the rumors were directed more against China than against himself. Therefore he felt that he had to bring these stories into the light. As to the report he had been unfaithful to his wife he declared his relations with his wife had been without stain, absolutely pure. I can understand the object of the Japanese, but it is hard to get the workings of our American correspondents' mind. This is for publication."

The Wireless: A radiator offered this bit of irony: The British removed handcuffs from Fascist Mosley, but jailed Gandhi who only desires freedom for India. . . . The March of Time again proves that the headlines are writing the most explosive dramatic scripts. The MOT makes dreamed-up mike-believing seem more irksome than static. . . . Nothing more ludicrous than commercials nowadays urging listeners to buy ciggies. You're told why you should buy a certain brand—instead of where.

JUST IN TIME

Well, Wooden He? Jasper—What kind of stockings does Charlie McCarthy wear? Joan—I dunno. You tell me. Jasper—Nail-on.

In th' end, th' young feller who feeds a girl a lot o' taffy generally finds 'imself stuck.

Everything on It
Joan—Why, Jasper, you ordered without even glancing at the menu.
Jasper—Simple. I ordered from the waiter's apron.

A Bit Late
Joan—How did the corporal get that black eye?
Jasper—He kissed the bride after the ceremony.

Joan—But isn't that the usual custom?
Jasper—Maybe, but this was six months after the wedding.

Wedding Belles
Joan—Brides always wear white because it's the happiest day of their life.
Bill—Yes, and the grooms wear black because—

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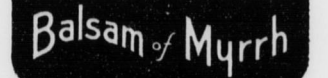


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