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Organized Jap Resistance Appears Ended on Okinawa

Americans Cut Off Key Point Of Nip Defense

BY HAMILTON W. FARON
Guam (AP)—Organized Japanese resistance on Okinawa appeared to be ended today.

Tenth army Yanks pursued crippled, disorganized remnants of the rising sun's once-powerful island garrison and closed a trap on Shuri town while radio Tokyo admitted Japanese losses were "gradually increasing."

With marines on the west and infantry on the east, the Americans cut through both flanks to isolate the Shuri key point of Japanese defenses and to drive spears on both flanks southward so swiftly the retreating Nipponese were unable to set up new defenses.

Sixth division marines completed the mop-up in Naha, former capital city of the island with a population of 60,000, smashing furiously from all directions into remaining pockets.

Admit "Penetration"

Japanese Domei news agency, meanwhile, admitted in a dispatch broadcast by Tokyo radio, the "penetration" of Naha by American troops. It termed the situation a "critical development" which compelled Nipponese commanders to withdraw "part of their troops to positions in the rear in order to consolidate their defense lines."

Elements of the Sixth marine division, Associated Press War Correspondent Al Dopping reported from the front, were pursuing the "withdrawing" enemy southward toward the mouth of the Kokuba river and toward the Naha-Yonaharu road south of Shuri. Those which did not "withdraw" were either killed or captured.

Radio Tokyo yesterday admitted the Okinawa defenses had been split into multiple fronts, but claimed, nevertheless, today that the Japanese still were engaged in "sanguinary hand-to-hand fight" against the Americans with "our men inflicting tremendous bleeding on the enemy."

Three-quarters of the original Nipponese garrison on the important Ryukyu island have been killed or captured. It appeared certain the remaining 25,000 or fewer Japanese, their line crumbling, will be unable to make a prolonged stand.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today that of the original Okinawa garrison of 85,000 troops, 61,510 have been killed and 1,353 captured in the two-month campaign. The 9-week Yank assault

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Police to Hold Picnic for 100 Patrol Members

About 100 members of the school boy patrol from all the schools in Wisconsin Rapids will attend the annual picnic at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Tourist park, across from the Memorial armory. The picnic is being sponsored by the Wisconsin Rapids police department.

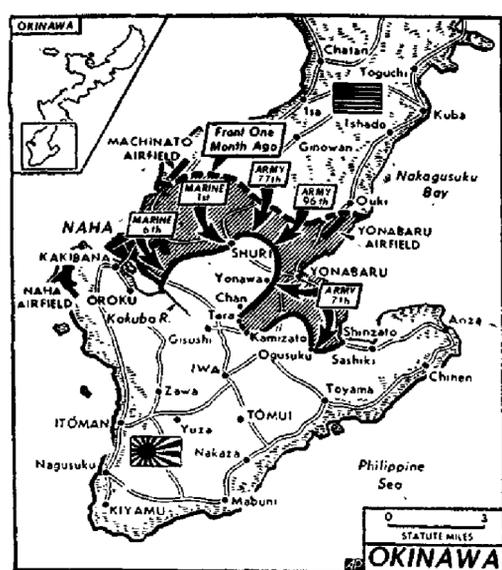
Carl Klundrud and J. A. Torzani, Lincoln high school coaches, will assist Police Chief R. J. Exner and committee of city patrolmen in conducting games and contests and the awarding of prizes. Refreshments will be available for all. Chief Exner said.

In paying tribute to the patrol, Exner said, "There hasn't been an injury since the school boy patrol was organized in 1931. These boys are giving up their play time to carry on this type of service and deserve recognition and tribute for their efforts in adopting responsibilities in assuring the safety and security of their classmates during the school session. The record they have established proves the need for the patrol and the efforts these boys have given so unselfishly."

Hold Everything



"You were telling an old joke in your sleep, and you said, 'Stop me if you've heard this one!'"



MONTH'S GAINS ON OKINAWA—Shaded area indicates territory won by American troops during the last month on Okinawa. Americans have captured Shuri castle in the center of the line as other Yanks drove to join forces south of Shuri in an attempt to cut off the Japanese retreat route.

French Give "Cease Fire" Order; Remain in Position

(By the Associated Press)

London—France refused today to comply with Prime Minister Churchill's request that French troops in Syria retire to their barracks to avoid the possibility of clash with the British, but in a conciliatory move ordered her troops to "cease fire."

"French troops will remain in their positions," said a French communiqué issued in Paris after a cabinet meeting.

By ordering French troops to cease fire the French thus complied with half the request of Churchill, back by President Truman, to take steps to end the bloodshed.

Takes Mediator Role
In further steps to resolve the dispute that threatened to plunge the Arab world into revolt, it was disclosed that the United States had agreed to sit with other powers in the role of mediator.

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'BEGINNING OF END' FOR U. S. WAR AGENCIES

Washington (AP)—The house appropriation committee today cut sharply into the 1946 fiscal year funds for a group of war-born agencies in a bill it described as "the beginning of the end" of such agencies.

With one exception, the committee trimmed budget estimates for every agency which already has been reduced by President Truman, as it sent the \$769,764,850 measure to the floor for house action next week.

The exception was a \$325,000 allotment for operation of state marine schools, which the committee left untouched.

"This bill," the committee told the house, "marks the beginning of the end of those agencies established during the war to develop and maintain the war production machine, to furnish the necessary civilian assistance to the armed forces, and to adjust the civilian economy to wartime necessity."

Many of the domestic controls adopted during the war, the committee said, are "foreign to the American way of life" and "should be eased as rapidly as progress of the war will permit and abolished as soon as the national security no longer requires them."

One war agency, the office of civilian defense, already is being liquidated, the committee pointed out, and another, the war relocation authority, soon will go out of business.

Withheld from the bill at the last moment were funds for the office of price administration, the foreign economic administration, and the fair employment practices committee. Legislation affecting OPA and the FEPC is pending in congress.

The FEPC funds were held up until the lend-lease estimates are received from the White House.

The total in the bill fell \$111,812,650 below budget estimates and \$209,348,880 under current year funds.

The largest individual allotment went to the war shipping administration, \$20,000,000.

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Opponents of Natural Gas Score Victory

Madison (AP)—Opponents of natural gas, after 95 minutes of debate, scored a victory in the assembly today, when a measure designed to give the state public service commission approval to handle community contracts was indefinitely postponed by a 52 to 39 vote.

A companion bill which would repeal the present tax of seven cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas is pending in the joint finance committee.

The bill is scheduled for the calendar again, following a move for reconsideration by Cummings (R-Fifield).

By a vote of 63 to 1, Devitt (R-Milwaukee) dissenting, the assembly passed a compromise bill governing all-union contracts under the present Wisconsin employment peace act.

The proposal was worked out between labor representatives and the Wisconsin council of agriculture. It reduces from three-fourths to two-thirds vote the majority required for employ approval of an all-union agreement.

Sen. Gettleman (R-Milwaukee) declared on the floor of the senate today that the Wisconsin County Boards association was a "racket" and that he planned a bill that would abolish it.

Gettleman made the charge in a debate on a bill that would permit Wisconsin townships to form a corporation.

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Pacific Army to be Bigger Than in Europe --- Truman

Waves of Superforts Scorch Jap Industrial City of Osaka

BY LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

New fires kindled today in a 600-plane raid on Osaka, industrial metropolis of Japan, added to the 88 square miles previously burned out of Nippon's war production centers as Allied forces pushed the enemy back on all fronts and reorganized for greater assaults against the island empire.

Smoke swirled five miles above Osaka after successive waves of more than 450 Superforts, escorted by 150 Mustang fighters, loosed 3,200 tons of incendiaries in a daylight strike. The raid was in the same strength as Tuesday's flaming blow against Yokohama which, photographs disclosed today, swept over 6.9 square miles, virtually destroying the principal portion of the port city.

At Chungking, a Chinese spokesman promised a grand counteroffensive "earlier than originally planned" as Japanese halted their extensive northward withdrawals on the continent at least temporarily.

South China columns expanded their breach in the enemy's Indo-China corridor to 145 miles and seized two bitterly defended cities.

The Mikado's forces strengthened the garrison at Shaoyang (Paoching) to meet Chinese columns now less than 10 miles from the west China base. Chungking said the invaders have suffered 28,000 casualties in this area in seven weeks.

The Chinese advance along the Indo-China corridor included the capture of Siu at the southern extremity, seizure of by-passed Pingyang and a push to the vicinity of Chienkians.

Only Jap Offensive
The only Japanese offensive was down the China coast from Wenchow. These troops reached a point

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What is So Rare As a Day in June?

Residents of the Tri-City area and especially those who attended various commencement exercises last night were well aware that a good deal of rain fell in this vicinity. In fact, there were two inches of it.

The official reading reveals that 2.05 inches of "precipitation" fell from 5 o'clock last night to 7 this morning and today's overcast skies seemed to give warning that still more is on the way. It, decidedly, was not a typical June day.

During the month of May, 6.88 inches of rain have been recorded in this area. Comparing this total with the precipitation in May of previous years it was found that in May 1939, 2.22 inches were recorded; 1940, 5.47; 1941, 6.94; 1942, 6.81; 1943, 5.22; and in 1944, 3.05 inches.

The level of the Wisconsin river at Wisconsin Rapids was receding until the advent of last night's rain. E. E. Beller, power superintendent at Consolidated Water Power and Paper company, stated this morning. The precipitation in all probability will increase the flow from 12,000 to about 18,000 cubic feet per second but there is no threat of flood stage at the present time, Mr. Beller said.

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Japs Behead Missionaries, 9-Year-Old

New York (AP)—The American Baptist Foreign Mission society reported today that 11 Baptist missionaries and a nine-year old boy were beheaded by the Japanese in 1943 on Panay island in the Philippines.

The executions occurred December 19 or 20, 1943, but the society said it had not received permission from the war and state departments until now to make the information public.

Those put to death had fled to a mountain refuge which they named Hopewell, in order to carry on their "preaching, teaching and healing mission" after the Japanese invasion, the society said.

The names of the victims listed: Rev. and Mrs. Erle F. Rounds, Eau Claire, Wis., and Richmond, Calif., and their son, Erle Douglas Rounds, nine.

La Follette Fears Truce Instead of Peace; Raps Russia, Dumbarton Oaks

Washington (AP)—Senator La Follette (Wisc.-Wis.) told the senate yesterday the United States may be heading toward a truce rather than peace, and cautioned against putting too much faith in peace-enforcing machinery.

In a major speech on international relations, the Wisconsin lawmaker also declared:

1. Russia has violated the Atlantic Charter and the Yalta agreements in its dealings with smaller European states.

2. The Dumbarton Oaks world organization plan now under consideration at San Francisco "needs basic overhauling," including revision of the veto machinery, more power for the assembly, easier charter amendment and an international bill of rights.

3. The purpose, program and possibilities of the San Francisco conference have been "oversold" to the people.

4. Enduring peace depends in large part upon what finally happens in Poland, Malaya and other liberated areas, as well as in Germany and Japan.

5. The United States thus far has been "oversold" to the people.

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OPA AIMING AT SUGAR 'RACKET'

Washington (AP)—The OPA cracked down hard today on "chiseling" of home-canning sugar for other purposes.

"Some chiselers are stooping to falsify their applications in an effort to get sugar that they know they won't use in canning," Price Administrator Chester Bowles said in a statement announcing a "drastic" program to put an end to this sugar racket.

Bowles said the sugar supply is sufficient for home-canning requirements, "but there will not be enough if the chiseling continues."

Under OPA's 4-point program, See—SUGAR—Page 7

Graduates Told of Need For World Brotherhood

"The world is one and man is one on the world under God," Dr. John Ruchling, president of Northland college, told members of the Lincoln High school graduating class at Commencement exercises in the fieldhouse last night.

Speaking on the subject of "Preserving Freedom," the college president quoted the scriptures from the eighth chapter of John, thirty-second verse "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Three requisites of freedom, the power of truth he cited as truth discovered, truth spread, and truth acted upon.

The speaker pointed out that the greatest weapon is truth and in the present war the new defeated Nazis, realizing the power of this weapon, first suppressed it, and then retaliated with false doctrines which were spread among their own people and thence to conquered territories. But, Dr. Ruchling emphasized, free institutions upholding the doctrine of the

General War Outlook Aired By President

Washington (AP)—The U. S. army in the Pacific, President Truman declared today, ultimately will be twice its present size and "bigger than our army was in Europe at its height."

In a special message to congress, reviewing the way and reiterating this country's determination to fight the Japanese conflict "to complete finish," Mr. Truman called for workers in ship repair yards to meet the suicide attacks of the Japanese and asked civilians to abstain from travel during the mass movement of troops to the Pacific.

Mr. Truman said the Pacific war has developed all the major elements of a naval war and told congress all escort vessels not needed for training will be sent there.

He praised the navy's aid in bringing about successful land invasions all over the world, and said the Japanese surface navy "has now been reduced to a fraction" of its full fighting strength.

The Japanese merchant marine, he said, "has now been reduced to a quarter of its pre-war size."

For this we can thank our submarines, air and sea bases and surface and sky fleets, he continued.

"As we approach the enemy homeland the density of his air power becomes greater," the president reminded. "This means tough fighting in the air."

Expect More Damage
"In the future we shall have to expect more damage rather than less," he said.

The message, read to congress by clerks, said the joint chiefs of staff have decided "that our army can deliver its heaviest blows in the Pacific and win final victory most quickly with a strength which a year from now will be about 7,000,000."

"By maintaining our army at this size," the president said, "we shall be able to more than double the force we now have in the Pacific and hurl against the Japanese 300,000 forces larger than the 300,000 men who united with our army."

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Achievement "A" Award Earned by Vesper Company

The Western Condensing company of Vesper has earned the Achievement "A" award of the war food administration, highest honor paid to members of the food industry as a reward for excellence and cooperation in the war effort, Gordon W. Gunderson, district representative of the office of supply, WFA, announced today in Madison.

"To earn the award, a plant must meet the same high requirements as those established for winners of the army-navy "E" award," Gunderson explained.

The Vesper company will be presented with a flag symbolizing the award, at ceremonies to be held in the near future. In addition, the WFA will present pins which may be worn by the individual employees.

S-Sgt. Retzlaff Liberated 9 Days After His Capture

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Retzlaff, 450 High street, have received word that their son, S-Sgt. James R. Retzlaff, 21, was liberated from a prison camp in Germany just nine days after he had been captured by the enemy.

A radio-cumner on a B-17 Flying Fortress in the Eighth air force, the Wisconsin Rapids flier was taken prisoner April 18 and liberated April 27.

The Retzlaffs received word yesterday from their son that he is now at LeHarve, France, awaiting transportation to the United States.

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'Johnny Comes Marchin' Home'

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