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BARON SUZUKI TO ORGANIZE NEW CABINET

'Gravity of Situation' Forces Gen. Koiso to Abandon Post

CHANGED ATTITUDE SEEN

London—(AP)—The Japanese government of General Kuniaki Koiso fell today in the midst of the empire's grave military crisis and Emperor Hirohito called on Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, 77-year-old president of the Privy Council, to form a new Cabinet. Tokyo broadcasts announced.

Koiso and all his ministers stepped down, a communique said, "because of the gravity of the situation," a reference to the mounting series of disasters during their eight months in office which have reached a climax in the American invasion of Okinawa, on the doorstep of the homeland.

The communique, broadcast by Domei agency, said "a far more powerful administration will be formed" and the choice fell on the aged Suzuki after the Emperor had consulted the elder statesmen of the empire.

Moderate Leanings

Suzuki had been in semi-retirement for eight years prior to his appointment as president of the Privy Council last Aug. 10.

In prewar years Admiral Suzuki was considered one of Japan's moderate statesmen and an opponent of the extreme Army clique's aggressive adventures. He was



Staff Sgt. Henry A. Moen

HENRY MOEN, 34 DIES MARCH 23

Son of Local Man Killed in Germany; Wife Notified Wednesday

A War Department telegram yesterday informed Mrs. Henry Moen, route 2, Arpin, of the death of her husband, Staff Sgt. Henry A. Moen, 34, in Germany. He was killed in action March 23.

Sgt. Moen, son of Halvor Moen, W. Fifth street, had been wounded in action in France last July 27, but after being hospitalized in England was returned to action on Oct. 7. His last letter to his wife, dated March 15, was received here March 29.

Memorial Mass Tuesday

A Memorial Requiem High Mass will be read at 9 a. m. Tuesday April 10, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hewitt by the new pastor, the Rev. R. J. Oberwinder, who arrived in Hewitt yesterday from Arpin.

The Army sergeant, who served with the Second Infantry, had been in service in Texas from June to October in 1941, but was re-

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YANKS EXTEND OKINAWA GAIN

Time Table Is Revised Campaign Runs Ahead Of Schedules

ARTILLERY FIRE HEARD

BY VERN HAUGLAND

Aboard Admiral Turner's Fleet

Ship Off Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands—(AP)—The U. S. 10th Army extended its Okinawan domain to 2,000 yards southward again, increasing Japanese opposition yesterday but pushing northward three to five miles almost without resistance.

The 24th Corps rolling southward Naha, island capital, and most thickly populated and presumably most heavily defended areas ran into heavy artillery mortar fire on the southwest coast. These troops were 3,000 yards from Machinato airstrip, four miles from Naha.

About 1,400 yards inland of Army units encircled and cleared out a strong Japanese machine gun, mortar and artillery position which was roughly 1,500 yards in diameter.

Move 500 Yards

On the southeast coast the 1st Division moved 500 yards down the ridge, overcoming several trenchments and strong positions. Their drive was halted by mortar fire from well-organized enemy positions in the neighborhood of town of Nakagusuku.

Meanwhile marines of the Third Amphibious Corps advanced northward were opposed only occasionally by isolated squads in caves.

They occupied nearly the entire Ishikawa isthmus, roughly three miles wide and five miles long and its two east coast towns Ishikawa and Yaka. The isthmus is the narrowest part of the island and the Japanese lost an excellent opportunity to delay the Americans by failing to defend it.

Some surrendering civilians said the marines would find few Japanese soldiers anywhere on northern Okinawa but airplane spotters reported some enemy concentrations ahead of the marine front line in the center of the island.

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er northeast of Osnabrueck and plunged on beyond against light opposition. The same correspondent, however, wireless today that the 11th Armored Division, "which crossed the Weser-Ems Canal yesterday after capturing three bridges intact, now was seven miles northwest of Minden." The Weser curves to the northeast at Minden. There was no confirmation at supreme headquarters of the reported Weser River crossing.

Large cities toppled; more were on the verge of capture.

Seized late yesterday were Kassel (217,000), Gotha (48,000), Suhl (16,000), Hengelo (40,000) and Waltröp.

The Ninth Army, sending four of its infantry divisions into a side campaign to crush in the northern side of the Ruhr box where up to 150,000 Nazis and perhaps Field Marshal Albert Kesselring are trapped, fought into Soest and battled the last defenders of Hamm. They moved a bare five miles from Dortmund (537,000) on two sides.

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more probable it appears that there will never be a clean cut military surrender of the forces on the western front. Our experience to date is that even when formations as small as a division are disrupted, their fragments continue to fight until surrounded."

The general visualized a condition which would mean that eventually all areas in which fragments of the German Army, particularly paratrooper, panzer and SS elements may be located, will have to be taken "by the application of or the threat of force." This, he said, would lead to a form of guerrilla warfare which would require a large number of troops to suppress.

WEST VEEDUM CLUB TO CONVENE ON APRIL 11

(By News-Herald Correspondent)
Pittsville -- Mrs. John Boldt will be hostess to the West Veedum Homemakers Club at her home Wednesday afternoon April 11

for two years or more have been going into Russia across the Pacific, carried in vessels flying the flag of the Soviet Union.

The great fear of military leaders here has been lest the Japanese make some move against Russia before the Russians were ready and force the Manchurian front prematurely.

Today's distinctly unfriendly gesture toward Tokyo indicates Moscow is sure of adequate troops to protect the long and vulnerable frontiers in case the Japanese react with a military attack.

CASUALTY

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leased with the over-age group. He was in war work in Milwaukee when recalled to service Jan. 22, 1942.

After being stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Davenport, Iowa, and Fort Custer, Mich., he left for overseas, spending 1½ years in Iceland before being sent to England in September, 1943. He had taken part in the invasion of France last June.

Surviving Relatives

Henry A. Moen was born in the Town of Richfield March 1, 1911, and received his education there. On Jan. 19, 1942, he was married at Hewitt to Mary Neuman, who is making her home in Arpin with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Neuman.

Surviving besides his wife and father are four sisters, Mrs. Martin (Jennie) Below and Mrs. Alvin (Helen) Anderson, both of Spencer, and Mrs. Joseph (Signa) Hederer and Mrs. Lawrence (Hannah) Trachte, both of Marshfield; and two brothers, Magnus and John Moen, also of Marshfield.

His mother preceded him in death, and another brother, Conrad G. Moen, died March 1, 1942.

BREU FUNERAL SERVICE IS HELD AT ST. JOHN'S

The Rev. Albert P. Roemer, assistant pastor at St. John's Catholic Church, officiated at a blessing yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock at St. John's for Mr. and Mrs. Breu's daughter, who was stillborn yesterday at 8:30 a. m. at St. Joseph's Hospital. Burial was made in Hillside cemetery. Surviving besides the parents, who

dressings department were led by Mrs. Kaisched, who displayed three scrapbook picturing local, state, and national activities of the Red Cross the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Nursing Activities

Mrs. Doege's account of nurse's aide program dates to its beginning here in Dec 1942, and revealed that vol had served 2,848 hours Joseph's Hospital since then. Of the 17 who completed the prescribed training, only eight now available, she said, but crufts have been in training March 16, with Sister M. nata in charge.

Mrs. Skorseth's report was by the secretary; Mrs. Felk of classes in home nursing ducted by Miss Rose Gray R. N., under the joint sponsorship of the Vocational School and Red Cross; Mrs. Neinas list names of women's organizations which are co-operating with department in supplying for Camp McCoy, and Mrs. richs, summarized the work ident prevention.

Mrs. J. F. Shuman read Hértel's comprehensive record the Junior Red Cross, pointed out the educational of the program and gave to the county and city schools, public and parochial their part in furthering this important phase of Red Cross W. R. Kenney spoke on behalf the home service department plaining that it shares in the activities of the American and the North Wood County vice officer.

Plans for the new year suggested by Mrs. Pors in resume of the past year's accomplishments, and she exhibited certificates of merit, one given the chapter and the other Chairman Uthmeier, for rest the war fund drive.

At the close of the m talkie-movies of Red Cross ties at home and abroad shown by Jim Kipp.

ICKES AGREES

Washington—(AP)—Interior retary Ickes said today he with the deputy petroleum administrator's prediction that will be a 50 per cent increase civilian gasoline allotments V-E Day.

Get Extra Red Points