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Planes Bomb Last 25-Mile Okinawa Pocket; Tokyo Concedes Defeat In Sight

GUAM (U.P.)—Waves of American planes Thursday bombed and strafed the 25 square mile dead end pocket on the southern tip of Okinawa where the last Japanese defenders were trapped and doomed by the U. S. 10th army. Tokyo conceded final defeat was in sight on Okinawa.

Landbased tactical bombers, apparently scoring a lucky hit on an ammunition dump, blew up the side of a mountain at the edge of the rocky Yaeju-Dake plateau where remaining enemy forces were making their last major stand.

The Japanese, with no line of retreat except into the sea, faced annihilation.

U. P. correspondent Edward Thomas reported the 7th and 86th army divisions already were advancing through the outer defenses of the Yaeju-Dake stronghold, a 200 foot cliff shielding the southern coastal slope.

Naha airfield greatest prize of the campaign, has been captured by American troops.

During the day U. S. planes flew 468 sorties against last ditch Japanese defenses. This was the largest number of sorties in any one day since the beginning of the Okinawa campaign last Easter.

More than 30,000 pounds of bombs were dropped on three towns—Medera, Tomiu and Aragachi. All are situated on the Yaeju-Dake escarpment.

Thomas revealed that the Japanese attempted a small landing on northern Okinawa two days ago, approximately 2 1/2 enemy troops in five small boats landed on the northern tip of the island but were intercepted by an air warning squadron of the 2nd Marine Air Wing.

Tokyo said Okinawa's plight was due to the effectiveness of the American rocket ships and planes in preventing Japanese suicide aircraft from crashing into American warships off the island.

First division Marines threatened momentarily to luff off the Oroku peninsula, northwest corner of the pocket. They drove more than half way across the peninsula yesterday to within 3,000 yards of Itoman, west coast anchor of the cliff-top defense line.

A third of the peninsula itself already had been cleared by first division Marines, smashing from its northwest tip. They had captured Naha airfield, biggest and last Japanese air base on the island.

Army troops in the center battled to the slopes of the enemy-held cliff, known as the Yaeju-hake escarpment. There among the scrubby pines and mountain caves, the battered enemy remnants were fighting to the death.

There was no room for further retreat. Behind them was the sea. The Americans ran roughshod over the Japanese in their advances Wednesday. They overran five villages in 24 hours. Some enemy home guards armed with bamboo spears surrendered at sight of the American might. Others were killed.

Complete conquest of Okinawa was only days away. Tokyo broadcasts said the end of the battle was in sight with the "war situation gradually becoming more disadvantageous to our side."

Tokyo said fresh American troops had launched "the big push" on Okinawa with overwhelmingly superior strength.

Another Tokyo broadcast conceded that American rocket ships and planes had checked the effective use of Japanese suicide planes against the American fleet off Okinawa.

However, the Japanese continued to throw the suicide aircraft recklessly against the fleet in an effort to delay as long as possible an American invasion of Japan itself.

Two more American units—not otherwise identified—were damaged Tuesday by suicide planes. This brought the toll of American shipping since April 26 to seven light naval units sunk and 44 damaged.

The Japanese lost five planes in their latest attack, for an overall loss of 843 planes since April 26.

Sixth division Marines completed the capture of three airstrips of Naha airfield at 11:57 a. m.

Keentime Klub To Have Omaha Dancing Teacher

Mrs. Adelaide Fogg, Omaha, will be the dancing teacher for the Keentime Klub, it was announced Thursday by county Judge Paul Fauquet, member of the recreation council in charge of the Klub. Mrs. Fogg has had 27 years experience in ballroom dancing and will be in Plattsmouth once a week to teach ballroom dancing to Klub members.

"At very little cost to persons between the ages of 13 and 19," Fauquet said, "this dancing course will enable our young people to have fine instruction."

The Keentime Klub will hold its second meeting Friday night at 8:30 at the Eagles Hall, and membership now totals about 96. Dancing music Friday will be provided by a nickelodeon.

On Friday, June 15, a Plattsmouth band, composed of high school students and graduates will furnish the music, directed by Harold Pickering.

700 German Subs Sunk In Six Years

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—More than 700 German submarines were sunk by allied forces during the six year battle of the Atlantic. Many others were destroyed by the nazis themselves toward the end.

This was announced Thursday in the last joint British-American report of anti U-boat operations, issued by President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill. The statement said that the war against the nazi U-boats was "a long and relentless struggle" which cost heavy losses in life and material.

Prince Iiah of Iraq Tours Nebraska Planting

LINCOLN, Neb., (U.P.)—Prince Abdul Iiah, regent and heir apparent to the throne of Iraq, will arrive here from Denver, June 21, two tour Shelter Belt plantings in this part of the state, Gov. Dwight Griswold has announced.

Prince Iiah will be accompanied by a party of 10 and by two representatives of the state department. They will be entertained that evening at a dinner by Gov. and Mrs. Griswold.

The following day, the regent will inspect more shelter belt plantings in addition to conservation work, hydro-electric power developments and other agricultural aspects of this section of the state.

NO LEGION MEET THURSDAY

Because of the duties of Legion members at the carnival this week, Dr. P. T. Heilmann has announced that there will be no legion meeting Thursday night. Legionnaires are asked to report to the carnival grounds at their appointed time.

Wednesday After Overwhelming Stagnant Japanese Resistance

Pressing on the southeast, the Marines seized one third of Oroku peninsula. They were battling with grenades, flamethrowers and demolition charges for hills overlooking the airfield and a high ridge running along the south shore of Naha harbor.

The Japanese resisted fiercely under cover of a barrage of rockets and 700-pound mortar shells. Hand-to-hand struggles raged all along the front. American tanks were in action in some sectors.

First division Marines, driving toward a junction with the sixth division from the northeast, reached a point just east of Hanja village, half way across the base of Oroku peninsula, yesterday.

They were reducing both Tomushu and Shindawaku villages at that time and since probably have completed their capture.

Rain Delays Crop Planting

LINCOLN, Neb., (U.P.)—Rain and abnormally cold weather in the state delayed corn planting the last few days although approximately 67 per cent of the planting was completed by June 2, compared with 44 per cent a week ago, according to the weekly weather and crop report.

Seasonable temperatures prevailed during the first half of the week. Afternoons were particularly cold the latter half and rain was general over the state.

Winter wheat was reported to be promising but the harvest is expected to be later than usual despite the fact that the crop was two weeks ahead of normal growth April 1. The rain has helped the wheat in the central and southwestern portions of Nebraska but the greatest hazard now is storms consisting of hail high winds and rain that causes lodging.

One bright spot in the picture, however, is that chances are remote for damage from rust and chinch bugs.

Oats and barley are making good progress, the report said, but the outlook for rye and spring wheat is very good. Some alfalfa hay has been harvested but reports are not so favorable as expected because of cold temperatures and lack of sunshine.

Francil Dunfee, Davis Take Vows June 6

Miss Francil Dunfee, Burlington Junction, Mo., became the bride of Richard C. Davis, Fairfax, Mo., Wednesday evening in a ceremony performed by Rev. E. J. Moritz, pastor of the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church, at the parsonage. Miss Dunfee has been living in Plattsmouth with Misses Emma and Elizabeth Hinz.

Attendants at the wedding were Pfc. and Mrs. Donald Olson, sister of the bride, from Dallas, Tex.

The bride was attired in a pink gabardine suit with white accessories. She wore a corsage of gardenias, while her attendant wore a moss-green gabardine suit, with corsage of pink carnations.

Following the wedding, the bridal party had a wedding dinner in Omaha. After a honeymoon trip, the bride and groom will make their home in Omaha.

ZASTERA TAKES OVER

Joe Zastera, owner of the Cass Drug store and of a similar store in Louisville, was in Plattsmouth Thursday operating the Cass Drug while manager Fred Feldhausen attended the graduation of his daughter, Margaret Jeanne, from the University of Omaha school of nursing.

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600 Superforts Pound Osaka In Third Raid

GUAM (U.P.)—Nearly 600 superfortresses and fighters smashed mile after mile of war plants with 2500 tons of fire and demolition bombs Thursday in the 2nd big raid in a week on Osaka, Japan's greatest industrial city.

Radio Tokyo said 40 other thunderbolts, lightnings and mustings and Hellcat fighters, apparently from new American bases on Okinawa almost simultaneously made a two hour leaflet raid on the Kyushu area of Kyushu in southern Japan.

The broadcast indicated that the air war over Japan had entered a new phase with the completion of bases on Okinawa bringing the enemy homeland within range of all types of American planes from fighters to B-29's.

Tokyo admitted that lightnings had not appeared over Japan proper before.

The text of the leaflets was not given in the enemy broadcast, but they well may have warned the Japanese people that the air bombardment of their homeland would increase in intensity with the conquest of Okinawa.

Two B-29's accompanied the fighters, Tokyo said. Enemy broadcasts previously had reported that about 30 "smaller type" allied planes attack suicide plane bases on Kyushu yesterday.

Some 400 to 450 superfortresses and 150 mustangs struck shortly after noon at Osaka arsenal, the largest in Japan and other major war plants in hitherto little-damaged eastern Osaka.

A Japanese announcement said the raid lasted three hours. Fires started in the northern sections of the city, but were "steadily being brought under control," the announcement said.

The raid marked the third stage of the 21st bomber command's methodical destruction of Osaka, pre-war Japan's second largest city with a population of 3,252,340.

Some 11-1/2 square miles—18-1/2 per cent of the built-up area—of Osaka were burned out in the two previous heavy raids, the latest only last Thursday.

Thursday's attack boosted the total devastated area of Japan's main industrial cities well over the 90-square-mile mark, an area larger than the borough of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tokyo said 50,000 Japanese families—200,000 persons—rendered homeless by American air raids on Japanese cities will be moved to farms to help boost food production.

The bombardiers shifted their sights from the congested waterfront industrial district hit last week eastward to cover undamaged war plants and thousands of small home factories untouched by the earlier "fire baths."

The B-29's mixed their cargoes of fire bombs used exclusively in the two previous raids on Osaka with demolition missiles designed to spread destruction over a maximum area.

North of Japan, liberators of the 11th air force bombed the Kataoka naval base on Shimushu and search aircraft of fleet air wing four hit installations in the Hayaka river area of Paramushiro Wednesday.

To the south, a Pacific fleet communique revealed, American planes have begun attacks on Japan proper and on the Ryuku 67 islands from newly-established airfields on Okinawa. Nearly 30 American "smaller type" planes from Okinawa attacked Japanese airfields on the southern home island of Kyushu yesterday, a Tokyo broadcast said.

—Weather Forecast—

High—60. Low—54

Nebraska forecast:—Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle. Continued cool Thursday and tonight; high Thursday 55-60; Friday, occasional light rain or drizzle in the east; partly cloudy west; continued cool. About .02 rain fell in Plattsmouth Thursday morning.

Conference Waits In Veto Deadlock

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—With the new world organization charter nearly completed, the united nations conference waited Thursday for a signal from Moscow of a "break" in the Big Five deadlock over voting procedure.

Disagreement over a tiny part of the voting formula—whether a big power should have the right to veto discussion of a dispute in the security council—is the last major obstacle to completion of the charter.

Officials predicted that the conference could be adjourned within 10 days after the veto issue is settled. That allows for the formalities of commission and open plenary session.

The veto question has been stuck ever since the United States, Britain, France and China rejected Russia's proposal for a veto over council discussion last Saturday.

Neither the United States nor the Russian delegations here are disposed to make a move on it. The whole question appears to have been transferred to laps of a far higher level.

Harry L. Hopkins, personal representative of President Truman, is still in Moscow where the United States appealed to Marshal Josef Stalin to change his mind on this delicate issue. There has been no word from there on the question since it was announced that Hopkins was prolonging his stay because of "new business."

Meanwhile, the conference moved along at a snail's pace, cleaning up odds and ends of approximately 10 issues still outstanding.

The executive committee, composed of 14 nations, scheduled another meeting Thursday to consider two more "appeals" of the Big Five from committee decisions. They involve the questions of expulsion of a member from the new league and whether the assembly shall have the power to approve or disapprove reports made to it by the security council.

The Big Five want special provision for expulsion of a member for willful violation of the charter. They also seek elimination of a section giving the assembly power to approve or disapprove council reports and to make recommendations on them.

There was every indication that all committee work—except that stalemated by the unsettled veto procedure question—will be completed by the weekend. It is expected that open sessions will begin next week.

Charlotte Steinkamp Marries F-O Huston

Charlotte June Steinkamp became the wife of Flight officer Robert Ernest Huston, of Union City, Mich., in an early evening wedding ceremony Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steinkamp.

Attendants to the couple were Miss Barbara Burns, of Lincoln, and Flight officer Paul Thompson, Ohio. The service was performed by Rev. George Durkie of Pacific Junction, Ia.

Miss Steinkamp wore a rose suit and had a corsage of white roses, while Miss Burns was dressed in a grey suit, with corsage of pink roses.

Following a wedding trip to Michigan the couple will make their home in Lincoln, where Huston is stationed.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Cpl. Victor E. Schreiner, co-owner of the Schreiner Drug company arrived Tuesday afternoon to spend a ten-day furlough in Plattsmouth and Alliance. In Alliance he will visit his mother, Mrs. Margaret Schreiner, and while in Plattsmouth will visit his brother, John, and wife. His wife will return with him to Amarillo, Tex., where he is a pharmacist with the medical corps attached to the air corps.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

County judge Paul Fauquet granted a marriage license to Richard Curtis Davis, Fairfax, Mo., and Francil Ollie Dunfee, Plattsmouth, Wednesday.

Cass Historical Society Promotes Sports Ground



RUSSIAN, BRITISH TAKE OVER—American Ninth Army is reported turning over to Russians, Leipzig, Magdeburg, Chemnitz and Erfurt (1), and to British, Cologne, Duern, Duesseldorf and Essen (2). U. S. retains Bavaria with headquarters at Frankfurt (3). (NEA Telephoto)

Rhoades Tells Of Retirement Plans Effective July 1st

LINCOLN, Neb., (U.P.)—County and city superintendents' offices will be the points of contact between teachers and the Nebraska Teachers' Retirement system, C. H. Rhoades, director of the system, has announced.

The system will become effective July 1 under an act passed by the 1945 legislature.

Rural teachers will turn in necessary personal information to their county superintendents and city teachers will supply their local superintendents with data.

Local superintendents will transmit the contributions of the teachers to the annuity fund. In the case of the rural teacher, the local board will send the monthly deduction from the teacher's salary to the county superintendent.

Rhoades said the earliest possible date that persons could draw from the retirement benefits would be Sept. 1, and those persons must either be 65 years of age or have 35 years service in public schools, employed on a year-round basis. According to the law, to be eligible for retirement, a teacher must have contributed money to the annuity fund at least once, and 30 days must elapse for the retirement application to be processed.

School employees who are not paid in the summer months will not be able to apply for retirement benefits before Oct. 1 and will not receive them before Nov. 1.

The act provides that the state will pay the retiring employee \$1 per month for each year of service, up to 30.

Men who make the maximum allowable individual contribution to the annuity fund for 35 years of service will receive approximately \$48 per month in addition to their \$30 and women will receive about \$41 besides the regular \$30.

JOIN EASTERN STAR

At the initiatory service of the Eastern Star Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill, and Mrs. Eva Gansemer became new members of the order. Following the initiation and regular business meeting, refreshments were served.

M. E. Bushnell Dies At Ashland

M. E. Bushnell, 83, former printer at the Daily Journal and life time resident of Cass county, died at his home a few miles south of Ashland early Tuesday morning. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the March Chapel in Ashland.

Bushnell was well-known by Plattsmouth and Cass county people and served as assessor for more than 10 years. His son Clark is a county assessor.

Surviving are seven daughters: Mrs. Laura Sherman, Doniphan; Mrs. Mildred Olson and Mrs. Barbara Laughlin, Ashland; Mrs. Very Jenny, Clarkson; Mrs. Bernice Straight and Mrs. Edna Filler, South Bend; Miss Norma, Omaha; and two sons, Crawford, Dallas, Tex.; and Clark, Ashland. Several relatives live in Plattsmouth.

Journal Congratulates Parents

Staff sergeant and Mrs. Harold Dean McFarland are the proud parents of a daughter born Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist hospital in Omaha. Mrs. McFarland was formerly Mary Terryberry, daughter of Mrs. Lucile Terryberry, Plattsmouth, and she has been making her home with her mother since her husband entered the army. At present he is stationed at Denver, Colo.

Both the mother and child were doing nicely.

TAKES VACATION

Joseph F. Hadraba, former co-owner of the Weyrich and Hadraba Drug company, has started his long-expected vacation. He will visit in Mandin, N. D., with his sister, Mrs. Louis Jiran and family. The Schreiner Drug company has purchased the former company.

SEE WAR FILMS

The Forty and Eight club saw war films of attacks on Luzon and Manila, the battle of Iwo Jima at its regular meeting Monday night.

GRAVELY ILL

Joseph Henderson, who has been employed for some time with the Burlington railroad, is gravely ill and has moved from his apartments at Hotel Plattsmouth to undergo observation in Omaha.

The Cass county Historical society have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state in Lincoln with tentative plans to establish a Memorial Park and sports ground on the former Tom Parmele estate west of Plattsmouth.

The estate includes 18 acres of ground and the former Parmele home which would be turned into a historical building for Cass county relics and historical displays. A. L. Tidd, told members of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon. A committee will meet Monday night to make more definite plans for the grounds.

Incorporators of the society are George H. Gilmour, Murray, Miss Barbara Gering, Mrs. G. E. Donegan, Mrs. R. W. Clement, Mrs. Mabel A. Cummins, Mrs. Kittie Roberts, Miss Dora Fricke, Oliver Dovey, A. L. Tidd, Plattsmouth, and Mrs. C. D. Spangler, Murray.

President Edward Egenberger presided at the noon Chamber of commerce meeting. Special tribute was paid to Frank Smith, former editor of the Daily Journal, for his fine work on the Journal.

E. H. Westcott commented on a recent newspaper article stating that the middlewest will be the future hub of the nation. This report was given after a survey by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Guests at the Thursday noon dinner were John Schreiner, Cpl. Victor Schreiner, Smith, and Mrs. Olney Eaton.

Girl Spends Autographed Dollar Bill From Hawaii

NEW YORK (U.P.)—Apparently she didn't think as much of the soldiers love note as the \$1.00 bill it was written on.

Martin Wagner got the \$1.00 bill with some change at a store. On it was written: "Near Honolulu, Hawaii—I love you, Butch. I don't know what to write on this but to say I love you."

On the reverse side was penned: "7-10-41 Monday morning. I wish I was with you."

Friends Surprise Johnny Ahrens On Tenth Birthday

Nine friends of Johnny Ahrens surprised him Wednesday afternoon on his tenth birthday anniversary. Each guest brought a gift and following the party refreshments were served by Miss Maybelle Ahrens.

Those present were Tommy Conis, Jim Markham, Ronnie Schneider, Jerome Shellenberger, David Priest, Wendell Priest, Dick Glaze, Herbert Leland, and Willard Christenson.

Cass County Bond-O-Meter	
LATEST SALES	YET TO BE REPORT
\$758,000	NONE
680,000	\$ 98,000
550,000	208,000
440,000	318,000
330,000	428,000
220,000	538,000
110,000	648,000
NONE	758,000