

HOUSTON

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Here's word just in: -

Three hundred men of the Cruiser Houston have been discovered! The Houston, early in the war, disappeared in a flame of battle -- the battle of the Java Sea. It seemed as though there had no survivors, but now three hundred have been found - prisoners of the Japs. There are no further particulars.

OCCUPATION

In the occupation of Japan, the Americans are about to begin - operation number three. This is the latest from General MacArthur's headquarters, which explains that operation number three will consist of a landing by United States Marines on three islands in front of the Yokosuka Naval Base - Tokyo Bay.

Operation number one was the airborne landing at the Atsugi Airfield - a force of American technicians arriving by plane. They were greeted with all appearance of friendship. The Japs' went out of their way to be nice. The men coming in by planes were greeted with a feast. A pavilion was waiting at one edge of the field, a pavilion with easy chairs, orderlies in white jackets, and luncheon tables gleaming with white linen. There, the Americans were served a five or six course meal.

The nearest thing to trouble was with the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ curiosity of the Japs at the field. The American communications officer states: "A little while after we landed, the Japanese came very close and

and we had to chase them away several times. Everybody is very friendly. I guess ^{he adds,} "they are just showing the usual oriental courtesy you find in China or anywhere in the Far East."

Another message states that the Japs were fascinated by the big silvery C-54 Transport Planes. A flight engineer states: "They walked right up and felt the plane's skin, and then got down on their knees to look how the landing gear worked."

So, ~~the~~ operation ~~number~~ number one was an uneventful success - and much the same story goes for operation number two. ~~This~~ consisted of the sending of a naval task force into Tokyo Bay. The trip was a bit nervous - because it meant steering a course through Japanese minefields. And there was also the peril of the mines that the B-25's had laid in Japanese harbors.

As the Task Force passed through the narrow bottleneck entrance of Tokyo Bay, white flags fluttered on the nearby cliffs. These white flags marked the position of the hundred and sixteen heavy guns defending the ^{channel.}

~~channel.~~

The ships, headed by the cruiser San Diego, were guided in by a Japanese pilot, who had formerly been a sailor between Japan and San Francisco. He stated that the Japanese people were astonished by the end of the ~~xx~~ war. They realized that things were not going well, but thought they would win out eventually. The Japanese masses he explained had paid little attention to the collapse of Germany, though Russia's entrance into the war was a shock. But, said he, it was the Atomic Bomb that had done the trick so suddenly that the average Jap was astonished by the quick surrender.

The Task Force cast anchor off the Yokosuka Naval Base, completing operation ~~xxxx~~ number two. And now number three is probably under way - the landing of Marines on islands dominating the base.

Operation number four will consist of the occupation of Yokosuka - by American and British Marines. And everything indicates that ^{there} they will get the same unresisted welcome - that Japan in its surrender is

giving the forces of occupation.

Next on the schedule will be a mighty procession of warships into Tokyo Bay - the main squadron of the American-British Fleet, which at last report was just outside at the entrance of the bay. The procession in will be led by Admiral Halsey, aboard ^{the} battleship Missouri.

General MacArthur is expected ^{at} Yokosuka on Thursday. He'll set up his flag at the nearby summer palace of the Jap Emperor. On Saturday MacArthur will establish himself ^{the} on battleship Missouri for the formal signing of the surrender of Japan - and that will take place aboard the Missouri on Sunday.

RUSSIA

The Soviets announce that Red Army Troops have occupied all but one of the Kurile Islands. That strategic island chain extends north of Japan, and the word at one time was that the United States might seek bases in the Kuriles. Now the Soviets have taken all *but one of them.* ~~the islands except the one immediately north of Japan~~
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The Russians have likewise completed the occupation of Sakhalin, *the great island north of Hokkaido* ~~another island off Japan.~~ Tonight *might* Soviet Troops, at the southern tip of Sakhalin, are *usually called* within a few miles of Hokkaido, *home* the northernmost island of Japan.

Tokyo several days ago protested to General MacArthur against rumored Russian intentions of pushing into Hokkaido, which apparently would not be in line with the terms of Jap surrender. This is recalled today by a Soviet broadcast, which bids the Red Army Troops on Sakhalin to be prepared for what the ~~broadcast~~ broadcast calls - tasks ahead. We don't know what these tasks might be - maybe a landing on Hokkaido.

PALAU

A peculiar situation has developed in the Palau Islands -- *that is in* that part of the archipelago still held by the Japs. Surrender negotiations have been going on with the Japs taking a high and lofty stand. They won't give up, until the formal surrender has been signed in Tokyo Bay. And they want the terms to be so drafted that they won't lose face.

The Jap attitude in the Palaus is made the ugler by the disclosure of the murder of an American flyer. A naval aviator forced down on Koro Island was made a prisoner. There he was killed by a Japanese Officer. The Japs take a defiant attitude - saying that the murder was not as bad as the Atomic Bomb.

That statement was made by a Jap Colonel, who ~~had~~ has been talking surrender aboard an American warship. He coldly went on to say that the Japs in the Palaus will resist any American attempt to land - until the surrender of Japan has been formally signed. They object to words like surrender and prisoner-of-war. They don't want to take orders - only requests. In other words, they want to save face, and the right answer *to that* might be - a push *in the face*.

HARI KARI

Tokyo ^{today} gives ^{some} particulars ^{regarding} about the wave of suicides that has been announced - mass Hari Kari. An enemy broadcast announces that thirty-six members of Nationalist Organizations in Japan have taken their lives with the traditional ceremony - using the Hari Kari Knife. Ten - at the Atagoyama shrine; Twelve - in front of the Emperor's Palace; Fourteen - near the Yoyogi Parade Ground. Having been noisy protagonists for militarism and conquest, they took the traditional Japanese way out.

CHINA

The conferences between the Chinese Nationalists and the Communists have begun - with the arrival in Chungking today of the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-Tung. He was accompanied by American Ambassador Hurley, who flew yesterday to bring the Chief of the Chinese Reds to the Nationalist capital. The result of the conference may tell the story of whether or not post-war China is to have a civil war.

Mao Tse-Tung today spoke moderate words. He said: "The consolidation of the internal unity is of the utmost urgency."

Meanwhile, the Chinese Communist Press has changed its tone. Today, the Red newspaper, "New China Daily", began speaking of "President Chiang." In the past, the Red paper had usually spoken of Chiang Kai-Shek as - "The Fascist Reactionary Dictator."

And the Communist Daily came out in support of the new treaty between Chiang Kai-Shek and Stalin - a pact in which Soviet Russia pledged a "Hands-off" policy toward China's internal administration. So it

seems as if the Chinese Reds had heard the word of
Moscow - and were coming to terms.

WAINWRIGHT

Here are the first words that General Wainwright has to say to his fellow Americans. After delays in Manchuria, where he was released from Japanese captivity, Wainwright arrived in Chungking today - the Commander who bore the tragic burden of misfortune in the Philippines, Wainwright of Bataan and Corregidor. His first expression to the people at home is to thank them for what he calls - "Their generosity to a defeated commander."

General Wainwright speaks of the gallantry of his troops in the dark days of Bataan and Corregidor. He says that, after the surrender, he was shunted from one Jap prison to another. "I had," he says, "Very little direct contact with my country, or its official agencies. But for over three years such contacts here and there caused me to believe that the Administration, the War Department, and the American people, had accepted my dire disaster with a forbearance and generosity that are perhaps unique in the experience of any defeated commander." The defeated commander is now on his way

to Tokyo Bay to be present at the formal surrender of Japan.

With General Wainwright came a whole list of American officers captured in the Philippines. Also - high British officers, like the British Commander in Malaya, the former Governor of Singapore, the former Governor of Hong Kong.

Sir Shenton Thomas, who was Governor of Singapore, told the newsmen that the high British officers in their Japanese prison, had been informed of nothing that was going on in the outside world. "We knew nothing about Hitler's collapse, Roosevelt's death, or Churchill's defeat in the British election," said he.

GERMAN DEVICES

Here's what sounds like an easy question - what is hydrogen peroxide used for? Don't all answer at once, *ladies, For girls*. This story has nothing to do with blondes. It pertains to something far less dangerous - like Nazi buzz bombs and V-2 Rockets.

It was disclosed today that German war science had succeeded in using hydrogen peroxide, as a fuel - a combustible for hurling violent destruction. This was stated by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, who said that hydrogen peroxide was employed in launching devices for buzz bombs and in auxiliary pumps for the V-2 Rockets. He added that in the German Navy peroxide fuel was used with good results.

Secretary Forrestal, in a new revelation of Nazi technological research, added that the Germans were developing - "A true submarine." That is, a submarine that *wouldn't* ~~could~~ never have to come to the surface - under water all the time. The ordinary sub must spend a considerable time on the surface, and therefore is only - half submarine.

Also, the Germans had developed a torpedo that could be guided through the water - or out of the water. The person at the controls could change the direction of the torpedo and govern its depth. And, said Secretary Forrestal - "He could make it jump out of the water like a ~~px~~ porpoise." Well, jumping torpedoes! - leaping out of the waves like a porpoise!

CHICKENS

Here is farm news, the like of which I never heard before. *Did you ever hear of a* ~~I wonder if any farmer had~~ a human being killed by a flock of chickens.

The story comes from Pueblo, Colorado, *one-time home of great story teller Damon Runyan.* ~~It~~ tells of a farm woman who was found unconscious on the kitchen floor, surrounded by a swarm of her barnyard fowl - which, pecking at her, had inflicted fatal injuries. Apparently, she had fallen unconscious with a stroke, and had been there for several days. She had been unable to feed her chickens and these, ~~were~~ hungry - ~~and~~ *had* attacked her.

D. D. T.

Here's another of those visions of a revolution in human life - to be produced out of the scientific marvels of the war. This latest vision - a world without mosquitos or flies. All of which, of course, has to do with D.D.T., ~~that~~ insecticide ^{that} ~~which~~ American Military Forces use with such telling effect in the Tropics, amid the swarms of tropical bugs.

There has been a good deal of discussion recently about the use of D.D.T. in peacetime, and our prediction today is from the inventor of the bug destroying stuff. He's a Swiss chemist, Dr. Paul Mueller who back in nineteen twenty-seven started experimenting in search of something that would kill moths - the pestilent moth that eats ~~the cloth~~ ^{holes in ~~my~~ my winter} ~~pants~~ - and yours. ^

For twelve years he worked in the laboratory, and finally came up with something that was death to household insect pests - not only moths but also flies and mosquitos. That stuff, ~~was~~ D.D.T. - developed just in time to be of incalculable use in the ^{the} war.

Today the inventor, with an associate acting

as spokesman, tells us that the total elimination of flies and mosquitos will be possible within several years. That, in turn, ~~will~~^{to} mean the disappearance of Malaria and Typhus - and all other diseases that are transmitted by flies and mosquitos.

There are, however, reservations. A program to destroy insect pests with D.D.T. will have to be scientifically controlled, planned with the greatest care. Because D.D.T. kills, not only bad insects, but also good ones - and ~~the~~^{its} indiscriminate use can do plenty of harm. For example, insects beneficial to the soil might be destroyed along with the pests. And, *- as others have pointed out -* the inventor points out, there might be an elimination of birds and fish that live on insects.

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HOUSE

Over in London, after the war, they are busy pulling down buildings damaged by bombing - by the Nazi blitz, buzz bombs, and the V-2 rockets. And sometimes the wrecking crews can be enthusiastic. This was discovered by Aubrey Arscott, a Londoner whose house was damaged in the blitz, but he put a new roof on it, and the house was as good as new, if not better.

Today the news relates how Aubrey Arscott, after some days of absence from London, returned home - and found a hole in the ground where his house had been. Wrecking crews had been operating in the neighborhood, and they had pulled down his perfectly good house.

Today Aubrey Arscott, with that British ~~fi~~ gift for under-statement, declared: "There must have been a blunder some place."

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And now here is Hugh, our reserved announcer, who also believes in understatement.