

JAPAN

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Another fact we learn ^{we hear} From Tokyo today, ~~is~~ that

the Japanese ~~are~~ ^{is} in the throes of a food crisis, a crisis far worse than ours. ^{And} That's ~~is~~ no surprise to our fighting men in the Pacific. When I was over there I learned that in normal years, Japan requires ^{two}

million tons of shipping just to carry enough food for the inhabitants of the ^{home} islands. Our Air Force

and warships, including of course ^{out} ~~the~~ submarines, have destroyed more than $3\frac{1}{2}$ million ^{of this tonnage.} ~~tons~~ So that

50 Japan now has only ^{one and a quarter} ~~about~~ million tons of shipping

left. And they cannot use much of that because we now are in virtual control of the seas between the Japanese islands and the mainland. [#] Concerning the,

~~The food crisis, blew up with a bang in the Mikado's realm today.~~ Premier Suzuki called a special

meeting of his Cabinet ^{today. In fact} ~~in which~~ six former Premiers

joined to consider the problem of feeding the ^{the} ~~Japanese~~ people.

When a Japanese newspaper criticizes the government,
things are really ^{tough, and} ~~bad~~ the dean of Japanese journalists
today published a bitter criticism of the Mikado's
elder statesmen for allowing conditions to come to this
pass.

AIR WAR

In the air war, ~~the~~ B-29s, ~~picked themselves a~~
~~couple of new targets~~ today ~~They~~ dropped ~~their~~ bombs
on three ~~new~~ cities of Honshu, ~~and on~~ a place called Uwajima,
~~at~~ the southwestern tip of the island of Shikoku. ~~At~~
~~the same time they~~ ~~They also~~ repeated their attacks on the big oil
refineries in the southern suburbs of Tokyo. ^{TP} No fewer
than thirty-nine Japanese cities have now felt the
force of our Superforts. This was the ninety-second big
raid they carried out on Japan, sixty-one since the
began the knockout campaign in March.

There has been no news of Halsey's Third Fleet
since ~~they smashed at Tokyo on Tuesday~~ ^{Tuesday when they swept over Tokyo} with more than
a thousand planes. But the Japanese tonight are ~~loud~~
~~quaking in their boots - fearful~~ ^{quaking in their boots - fearful}
~~in their fear~~ that Halsey is about to strike again,
~~although the enemy does not know where~~ ^{also} The Japanese
radio reports that fighters and bombers from Okinawa
attacked their airfields yesterday, in addition to the

Japan
big B-29 raid. They say that our warships are lying
in wait off the coast, ready to pounce at any moment.

And their
Japanese newspapers are warning the *people* readers that these
attacks by the Third Fleet are operations to cover
an imminent American *assault* ~~attack~~ on some other island base
nearer still ~~close~~ to Japan than Okinawa and Iwo.

Photographs delivered to B-29 headquarters
show that the great Japanese oil refinery near
Shimotsu was destroyed to the extent of ninety-five
per cent. ~~That does the Japanese out of one of their~~
And we hear that
~~biggest dual centers. Further,~~ the Superforts have
razed to the ground almost forty-five per cent of ~~Akashi~~
Akashi, a city ten miles west of Kobe.

ADD AIR WAR

That We may expect ~~to hear of still stronger~~ ^{more and}

~~and~~ more devastating air raids on Japan ^{is suggested} ~~before long~~

^{by the news that} The U.S. Seventh Air Force, which used to be placed on

~~Hawaii~~ has ^{just} ~~been~~ transferred to forward bases on the Pacific Islands ^{going there from Hawaii.} This was announced by ~~General~~ MacArthur

today. ~~They will take part in the air war.~~ The Seventh will be under the command of General George Kenney.

~~That~~ ^{that} means the United States will have six air forces in action against the Japanese.

MITSCHER

A car carrying a couple of people from California rolled into the tiny town of Hillsboro, Wisconsin, last night. At one of the stores it stopped and the man driving it asked: "Could you tell me where Mrs. Mitscher's house is?"

Then the folks of Hillsboro woke up. The man and woman in that mud spattered sedan were Vice-Admiral and Mrs. Marc ~~A.~~ Mitscher; ^{the Admiral} ~~He had come~~ home for the first time in eleven years, to visit his mother.

Today the people of Hillsboro turned out with all they had to welcome the great flag officer who had grown up among them. Everybody in the place paid a visit to his mother's eight room frame house. The Admiral greeted everyone of them, and apologized for his shirt sleeves, explaining that he had to have his blouse pressed.

It was only two months ago that a Jap suicide plane struck his flagship, the aircraft carrier

BUNKER HILL. By a stroke of ^{good} fortune ~~for him and the~~
~~country,~~ the Admiral escaped unscathed.

People asked him today whether our air power alone would be able to defeat Japan. He replied as before, emphatically - "No". "We will have to invade," said he,

NICOBAR FOLLOW AIR WAR

From Tokyo comes a story that the British are preparing to land an invasion force on ~~the main~~ ^{the main} ~~Nicobar~~ island of ~~that is the biggest~~ of the Nicobar group, ~~which lie~~ ^{in the Bay} between Rangoon and Singapore. The Allied high command has nothing to say about this operation; but, Tokyo ~~broadcasts~~ announce^s emphatically that a ~~strong~~ British task force has been bombing ~~Japanese~~ ^{their} bases ~~not far away~~ ^{in the} ~~Nicobars; and that some~~ More than two hundred planes attacked a Japanese outpost on the island of Sabang, off the northern tip of Sumatra. The Nips ~~say that~~ ^{must be} this ~~is nothing else~~ ~~but~~ the prelude to an invasion on ~~the~~ Nicobar.

~~These~~ ^{the} Nicobar ~~islands~~ are important because they are in a strategic spot, ~~they lie~~ nine hundred miles northwest of Singapore, ~~and four hundred miles due west from the Isthmus of Kra in Malaya.~~ If the British take the ~~Nicobars~~ ^M in addition to the bases they now have at ~~Rangoon~~ ^R Rangoon, they ~~will have air~~ ^{if} control ~~of all~~ ^{most of} the Andaman Sea approaches to Malaya.

It has generally been believed that when the British get ready to take Singapore back, they will begin in the north, as the Japs did. ^{and -} If they take the Kra Isthmus, they ^{will} ~~will~~ isolate the ~~Japanese~~ garrison ^{at} Singapore and the Malaya Peninsula ^{wholly} ~~from those in~~ Indo-China ^{and the North.}

CHINA

In China, the Japanese are now out of Luchai,
~~That is a place~~ ^{that runs} on the railway from Hunan to Kwangsi.

The capture of Luchai enables the Chinese forces to
push on toward Yungfu, ~~which is~~ only forty miles

southwest of Kweilin, which used to be one of the ^{main} ~~biggest~~
bases for ^{Chennault's airmen.} ~~the American air force.~~ The inferences from

~~a Chungking dispatch is that~~ The recapture of Kweilin ^{may}
~~is not~~ ^{be} far off.

Near the frontier between China and Indo-China,
the Japanese have attempted one counterattack after
another; ^{and} ~~trying to get the initiative again.~~ But
Chungking claims ^{that} all these ^{have been} ~~counterattacks were~~ repelled.

The Chinese Minister of War announced today that
the Chinese, British and American high commands have
finished drawing up a program for an all-out offensive,
an offensive on all fronts. This ^{to} includes driving the
Japanese out of Manchuria.

MacARTHUR

The latest from Borneo is that the Australians have joined up with the Dutch ~~troops~~ at a point about seven miles north of Balikpapan. General MacArthur reports that this operation completely isolates the Japanese garrison of the stronghold on Mount Batochampar.

And That ~~is~~ the sequel to the successful amphibious ~~at~~ landing that the forces of Queen Wilhelmina accomplished on the Karingo Peninsula early this week. The Australians in this action are ^{of} the Seventh Division, which advanced from the oil center at Pandansari. Another Australian column pushed up the coast on the eastern end of the beachhead. It advanced a mile and captured some of the Japanese artillery.

The Ninth Australian Division advanced along the railroad in northern Borneo for ten miles. They met no opposition and captured a place called Kiminas. That ~~put~~ ^{put} them within thirty miles of the important Japanese base at Jesselton.

GRISWOLD

Although General MacArthur announced the Battle of the Phillipines was over, Lieutenant General Griswold and his Fourteenth Corps still have quite a job on their hands. Griswold's guess is that there are still some fifteen thousand Nips, mostly in the Kianganbontoc area. The Americans drove them into a range of mountains which have not yet been properly explored, the Sierra Madre. They rise seven thousand feet high east of the Cagayan Valley. Said Griswold: "We don't want any Japs sitting in those hills showing their teeth." And he added that they had to leave most of their heavy equipment behind them, but they still have a little artillery. The food they have with them will not last long.

FOOD

Washington tells us today that after August Thirty-First, Uncle Sam's armies in Europe will stop feeding civilians in the liberated countries. But that will not mean more food for us here at home. It will mean simply that the governments of those liberated countries will buy the food here, although Secretary of Agriculture Anderson told us today that we could not possibly feed the world and ourselves too.

Washington also announced that Soviet Russia will continue to receive canned meat and other food shipments in July, August and September. They asked for four hundred and thirty thousand tons of food between now and the New Year. What they will get is thirty thousand tons in the next three months, twenty-five million pounds of canned meat, twenty-five million pounds of flour, five million tons of butter, and so forth.

TRUMAN

General ~~Dwight~~ Eisenhower ^{to} will take part in the conference of the Big Three at Berlin. That ^{the} story ~~comes~~ from U.S.S. AUGUSTA, ^{the cruiser} ~~which is~~ carrying President Truman and his party to Europe. This move really is a natural, since ^{few know more than} ~~nobody knows more than~~ Gen. Eisenhower about conditions in Europe, and, his prestige and experiences as the supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Expeditionary Force will make him ^{a most valuable} ~~one of the best~~ advisors on how to go about establishing ~~the~~ four power control of Germany.

~~Press~~. Truman has been in constant communication with the White House, the State Department, the War and Labor Departments, ^{we hear. And,} ~~He is,~~ also in contact with the American embassies in London, Moscow and Paris.

EISENHOWER FOLLOW TRUMAN

Eisenhower by the way,
General ~~He~~ will not have far to go to attend

that conference. He arrived in Frankfurt-~~on-the~~-Main,^{-am-}
yesterday. At Supreme Headquarters in Paris, it was
announced that he would come to Europe to say good-bye
to his officers, and be present when Supreme

Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force closes

~~its doors -~~
~~at~~ noon Saturday. ~~Incidentally,~~ Saturday, *which is*

Bastille Day, ^{the} French national holiday, ~~the~~

anniversary of the capture and destruction of the

Bastille by the Parisian ^{a mob,} ~~masses~~

POLES

There was trouble today among Poles in two parts of the world. The general commanding the Polish forces in Italy ordered his fifty thousand men under him to resist all efforts to persuade them to return to Poland. He said Great Britain and the United States had cheated the Poles, and he used these words: "All our basic rights as a nation ~~xxxxxx~~ are being wiped out." To which he added: "The powers of the world trample over our constitution and over our rightful authorities. And he urged them further to resist all enemy ruses to send them home as slaves of a foreign power, meaning Russia.

Meanwhile, the Poles at home, who only a few months ago were rejoicing at the liberation from the Nazis, are now at daggers with their neighbors, the Czechoslovaks. The cause of it this time is the district called Teschen, in Silesia, a district which includes twelve big coal mines and a large steel plant.

As a matter of fact, that part of Silesia has been a source of quarreling since the Ninth Century. Today armed Polish guards at one end of the bridge across the Olsa River face Czechoslovak guards at the other end. Soviet Russian troops are standing by, watching. And observers declare that if the Reds were not there, the Poles and Czechoslovaks would be on each other's throats.

EIRE

From Dublin we learn that the authorities there
~~discovered~~ ^{uncovered} a plot ^{for the} to overthrow ^{of the de Valera} the government. of
~~Eamon de Valera, discovered and nipped in the bud~~
^{And - just in time,}
^{It all came out}
~~This became known~~ when the police announced the arrest
of forty members of the Irish Republican Party.

After V-E Day in Europe, the de Valera government
released some four hundred I.R.A. men who had been
interned at the Curragh. The I.R.A., of course, has been
outlawed by the Dublin Government. ^{well} The authorities got
wind of a conspiracy, which program was ^{to have} ~~to~~ include ^d the
assassination of high officials of the government, and
of the police.

All this only a few days ~~before~~ after the
I.R.A. men were ^{released} ~~let loose~~ from Curragh.

BASEBALL

Senator Happy Chandler becomes High Commissioner of Baseball on exactly the same terms as the late Judge Mountain Kenesaw Landis. He will have the same salary, fifty thousand a year, but he will not take it so long as he continues to be a senator. With that goes a seven year term, and the same complete power and authority as Landis.

Happy was happy about it, as he told the news reporters after a meeting with the owners of the clubs in the Major League.

MINNIE

Here's a story from Jamestown, New York, on the shores of Chatauqua Lake. ^{It's} about a fish with a price on its head -- or I should say, her head. The fish's name is "Minnie", Minnie Methuselah. She is a ~~great~~ big muskalonge, four-feet-one-and-three-quarter inches long. For twenty years Minnie has been eluding the combined skill of the ablest ^{anglers} ~~musk anglers~~ in the country. On any average day you can see some hundred and sixty boats on Chatauqua Lake near Jamestown, ~~with~~ patient rod and line artists, ^{all angling} ~~anglers~~ for Minnie. ~~The question is, if none of them ever caught her,~~ How do they know she ^{is} so big? ^{well,} Here is the story.

Some fifteen years ago, the hatchery men of ^{New York State} the ~~State~~ Conservation Department did catch Minnie, in a net, which is unlawful for anyone ~~else~~ but Conservation men. They caught her to strip her of her eggs, because it has been discovered that ^{fish} eggs hatch better in the

Department's hatcheries than by nature's methods.

When they netted Minnie fifteen years ago, she ~~must~~ ^{already}

~~was~~ ^{was} ~~have been at least~~ four or five years old, because a

lady muskalonge cannot ~~become~~ ⁴ become a mother ~~at any younger~~ ^{until she's four,}

~~than that.~~ Having stripped her, they tagged her and threw her back.

Then, ~~early~~ this season, they netted a huge

musky, and by the tag in her dorsal fin, Tag Number-

Two-hundred-and-Thirty, they found she was ^{Minnie - the} ~~the fish~~

^{Muskies} they had caught and tagged ^{that} fifteen years ago. Minnie

is not quite the biggest musky on record, but if she continues to be smart, she will be. The merchants at

Jamestown have offered rewards for the angler who

catches her. But the thrill of catching ^{Minnie} ~~a monster~~

~~like Minnie~~ ^{should still be} enough reward for ^{any real follower} ~~most anglers.~~

of Isaac Walton, - ~~don't you think so H?~~

~~Incidentally,~~ I am told that, last year fishermen

~~caught almost~~ ^{some} twenty-three tons of ^{muskalonge} ~~legal muskies~~

~~any that are less than~~ ^{all over} thirty-two inches long ~~have~~ ^{they} to be ~~thrown back~~ - at Chataqua Lake, with rod and line.