

STORM

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A typhoon in the Pacific has swept over the island of Okinawa, with results equivalent to naval and aerial bombardment.

The word is that the typhoon has demolished virtually every building on the island, and has left ninety thousand American soldiers without shelter. One correspondent reports that the bodies of scores of American sailors are being washed ashore, and another newspaperman declared that the effect of the gale was equivalent ~~■~~ to that of an atomic bomb. That if it had happened during the invasion of Japan, it would have been a major military ~~disaster~~ disaster.

The windgauge instruments on the island registered up to a hundred miles an hour, and then the ~~inst~~ instruments were ripped out.

The gale wrecked forty eight planes on Naha airstrips, washed ashore scores of small craft, and the Navy announces the loss of four mine sweepers and a submarine chaser, with eighty-three officers ■

and men either missing or dead -- allon the mine sweepers, none ^{on} ~~of~~ the subchaser.

At least five soldiers are dead, twenty more injured.

Five hundred Army ~~mjr~~ nurses on their way to Japan had to find an unpleasant refuge in the famous caves of Okinawa.

CHINA

There will be no Civil War in China between the Chiang Kai-Shek Government and the Communists. At least that's what the leaders of both sides say after forty-five days of talking it all over. Chiang, and the Communist Leader Mao Tze Tung made a joint announcement today in which they say they will do their utmost to avoid Civil War, do their utmost also to build a free and prosperous China.

All parties in China have agreed to join in what Chiang and Mao Tze Tung call a political consultative council. The task for this council to be to draw plans for a National Congress, so that the country will no longer be ruled by the Kuomintang in the South or by a Communist Regime in the Northwest. Further they have agreed that China is to have freedom of person, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom of press and freedom of assembly.

Even the ~~xxxxx~~ laws of the country -- all of them will be repealed, and all political parties are to be equal before the law. This means that Chiang Kai-Shek

has agreed to release all his political prisoners.

Local self government is to be encouraged.

And, this will be new for China: - all armed forces nationalized. What will happen to the war lords? For the present the Communists are to retain control of the areas that they liberated from the Japanese.

It looks as though Chiang Kai-Shek and Mao Tze Tung really have agreed to get together, take advantage of the collapse of Japan, and really pull together for a united and strong China.

From here it looks as though Ambassador Pat Hurley had been exceedingly successful in his task of bringing the two top Chinese leaders together.

JAPAN

General MacArthur has informed the new Japanese Prime Minister Baron Shidehara, that Japan is to have woman suffrage, religion henceforth ~~shall~~ shall be free, education liberalized, and industry conducted on/^ademocratic basis. The latter means, presumably that the foundations are to be knocked from under the big Japanese ~~xxxxxx~~ aristocratic industrial families, the Mitsuis, Mitsubishis and a few more. MacArthur informed the Baron that their constitution shall be reformed, revamped along liberal lines.

Equally sensational to the Japanese mind is the appointment of two new advisors to the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, one an authority on Constitutional ^{Law} ~~xx~~, a professor at the Imperial University, and the other, Prince Konoye, one time Premier and adviser to the Emperor. The Japanese say this makes certain the abdication of Hirohito.

MacArthur's order states that the Japanese people must be free from all forms of government inquisition, methods that held their minds

in virtual slavery, preventing freedom of thought, speech and religion. All that must go. Regimentation of the masses under pretense of maintaining efficiency must come to an end.

Workers in Japan are to organize unions. Also a new system of justice is to be worked out, to afford the people ~~prompt~~ protection against the despotic and arbitrary methods of the past.

Businesses in Japan are to be ^{democratized} ~~in~~ ~~such~~ so as to end monopolistic industrial controls and bring about wide distribution of income and ownership and means of production and trade.

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MacArthur's headquarters also announced today that a million, two hundred and fifty thousand of our troops in the Pacific will return home in the next six months; leaving Japan and Korea to be occupied by a force of only about two hundred thousand, that force to consist ~~mainly~~ mainly of the eleventh Airborne Division, the Twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth Infantry, and the First Cavalry Division.

The Sixth and Seventh Divisions will remain in Korea, and the Eighty-Sixth will stay in the Philippines. This means that by next March, there will be around four hundred thousand of our fighting men in the entire Pacific area.

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PALESTINE

United States Army Headquarters in the Middle East tonight declared Palestine out of bounds for American soldiers who have been on leave; men stationed in Cairo who have been sightseeing in the Holy Land. Planes have been sent to bring them ~~back~~ back to Egypt, back across Sinai from the Land of milk and honey to the Land of the Pharaohs.

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Last night at Haifa British ~~units~~
reinforcements arrived. Among them units of the British
Sixth Airborne Division.

A military court of Haifa convicted
twenty Jewish boys and girls, youngsters in their
teens, of possessing fire arms. Sentence was deferred.

LAVAL

Pierre Laval will not face a firing squad immediately. Before he is executed, DeGaulle will review the verdict of the court. He will do this in spite of the fact that Laval himself has made no appeal.

A firing squad ~~has~~ did dispose of another French traitor today, a man who has been called the French Lord Haw Haw; found guilty of broadcasting propaganda for Hitler.

RUSSIA

The Soviet official newspaper Izvestia today threw more oil on the troubled fires of European Politics. It printed an editorial charging that the Western Nations are organizing as a bloc, ~~whose~~ designed ~~is~~ "to sow dissension among the peace-loving nations," dissension and the seeds of war. ~~The main~~ ^{"Also that one} object of that ~~will~~ bloc is economic protection against American Capitalism. ~~And says~~ ^{goes on to say that} Izvestia, American capitalism is actively trying to reduce England to a state of vassalage. ~~Just how American capitalists are going to work, Izvestia does not explain.~~

UNRRA, FOLLOW TAXES

On top of Chairman Doughton's protest that we must have cheaper government, up steps the President with a demand for more funds for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation. UNRRA is broke, has used up all its resources. In the last few months, Director Herbert Lehman's outfit has spent some one billion, one hundred million dollars. All of that did not come from Uncle Sam, but most of it ^{did.} Mr. Truman wants five hundred and fifty millions more, cash on the table, ^{to} ~~and that will~~ be spent by December Thirty-First. ^{And} When that ^{'s} gone, he ^{will} ask Congress for ^{another} ~~one~~ billion, three hundred and fifty millions, to be spent in Ninetten Forty-six.

TAXES

The House of Representatives passed a new tax bill today that will result in a total saving to income taxpayers of two billions, six hundred and twenty-seven millions; that is to individuals. Also to corporations one billions, eight hundred and eighty millions.

The bill passed by an ~~an~~ overwhelming majority. The Republicans say it doesn't go far enough. Joe Martin of Massachusetts put it this way:-- "There will come a time, not far away, when the American people will realize that we cannot go on spending the Government's money." Added Minority Leader Martin! -- "There is no government money, It's the people's money."

Representative Doughton, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee says that tax relief will have to be followed by cheaper government. He notified pressure groups that they will have to quit asking federal grants to further their own ends. Also, that local governments will have to take over financial ~~problems~~ problems that belong to them and that have been in the

hands of the Federal Government for a number of years.

Now it all goes along to the Senate. What the Senators will do is an unknown quantity. ~~But if they concur, it will be the first relief the taxpayers have had in sixteen years and will relieve some twelve million people from paying any income tax at all, those who paid a tax for the first time, during the war.~~

ARGENTINA

~~It looks as though the discontent in~~
~~Argentina is spreading to the people who usually make~~
~~discontent most effective.~~ A crowd of Buenos Aires
lawyers today staged a demonstration in front of the
Supreme Court Building, ^{singing} ~~They sang~~ the Argentinian
National Anthem, and distributed ^{leaflets} ~~leaflets~~ on which were
printed an article of the Argentine Constitution. That
article provides that the Government shall not have
power to rule the lives or fortunes of Argentinians.

Passers-by joined the crowd and took part
in the singing, officials of the palace scattered the
demonstrators with the help of armed troops.

Discontent with the military dictatorship
has had one fairly good result. It has caused the
Government to release a judge who had been thrown
into jail, the judge who issued Habeas Corpus writs
which released the President of the University of
Cordova and other political prisoners. The Judge ~~was~~
set free unconditionally.

WINDSOR

The Duke of Windsor is back in Paris, back with the woman for whom he gave up the greatest of all empires. He said he had a pleasant time in his native land visiting with ~~him~~ Queen Mary, whom he was glad to find so well.

In addition to attending to some private business, checking up on his financial interests, he also saw Prime Minister Attlee, and Foreign Secretary Bevin, and reported to the Colonial Secretary on conditions in the Bahamas, where until recently he was Governor-General.

As for his plans for the future, he says he has none, except to help his country in any way possible.

PRODIGY

In Detroit theatregoers and newspapers were all talking about a six year old negro schoolboy, a piano playing prodigy. His little hands are so small that when he wants to hit the black keys he has to use his fists and his elbows. The loudest praise for him comes from professional pianists, ^{who} ~~one of whom pronounced the child as great, sensational.~~ ^{says the child is} The little fellow has the ~~misfortune to be called Sugar Child, by his family, but~~ ^{He is} ~~His actual name is~~ ^{being} Frank Robinson. ~~Sugar Child agrees that he is great and sensational, and says that God gave him his talent.~~

~~A story from the automobile capital reports that Sugar Child today stopped the show at a local theatre. In fact, whenever he appears he tops the show.~~

~~According to his family,~~ ^{IP} ~~the youngster began playing the piano when he was two years old, and when he was four, his talent was recognized as~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~extraordinary. When he was less than two, he was working~~ ~~out~~ ~~arithmetical problems, and could read when he was three.~~

~~at~~ Six year ^{old} ~~Frank~~ ^{he} ~~Robinson~~ became news ~~when~~

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he tried to enter a Boogie Woogie contest, at a Detroit theatre. The manager told him he was too young, ~~to enter since he was only knee high to a grasshopper.~~ *Where can he* played for the manager ~~alone~~ and astounded him. ~~Now, he is a public figure.~~

And now ~~that~~ a special message from our sponsor.

STILLWELL

General Vinegar Joe Stillwell comes out with a denunciation of what he calls "Barfly Commandos." By that the General means people who are intolerant of patriotic Japanese-Americans. Vinegar Joe is thinking particularly of those Nisei Troops who made records of heroism in Italy, and who served in Burma under Stillwell's own command. He saw them in action. His point is that the Japanese-Americans who fought for this country are fellow soldiers, and he thinks that Army men should get together and protect their comrades in arms.

Interviewed on Okinawa by a soldier correspondent, Vinegar Joe put his thoughts in these spicy words: "Those Nisei boys have a place in the American heart - and any time we see a barfly commando picking on these kids or discriminating against them, we ought to hit him over the head with a pick axe. I am willing," He added, to be a charter member."

All of which evokes a picture the G.I.'s will appreciate, Vinegar Joe hitting a Barfly Commando over the head with a pick axe.

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