

JAPAN'S PLANTS BOMBED AGAIN

B-29's Strike at Heart of War Production on Enemy Isles.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—B-29 Superfortresses crashed hundreds of tons of bombs on the Japanese war production centers of Nagoya, Osaka and Hamamatsu today.

It was the opening blow of the 1945 air offensive against the enemy homeland.

A Japanese communique indirectly admitted some fire damage, to "vital facilities and factories" in the Nagoya and Hamamatsu areas.

A brief U. S. war department announcement said only that Saipan-based B-29's had attacked industrial targets on the capital island of Honshu.

The enemy communique identified the three war centers as the targets of "about 90" Superfortresses.

Nagoya Blasted

The main force concentrated on the big aircraft center of Nagoya, the Japanese communique said. Other units raided the Osaka area, 85 miles to the southwest, and the Hamamatsu area, 50 miles to the southeast, Tokyo reported.

The planes struck at about 2 p. m. (Tokyo time).

"Although there was some damage inflicted in the Nagoya and Hamamatsu areas," the communique said, "there was almost no damage inflicted upon vital facilities and factories."

The communique claimed that 17 B-29's had been shot down and 25 damaged. Two Japanese planes "have not yet reported back," it added.

Report Osaka Main Target

An earlier Tokyo transmission heard by the United Press in London had said Osaka, Japan's second largest city 250 miles of Tokyo, was the main target.

Osaka, Japan's biggest industrial center, produces tanks, planes, guns, explosives and ships and had a 1940 population of 3,262,340.

Meanwhile, a Pearl Harbor communique disclosed that Liberators bombed two Japanese air base half way between Saipan and Tokyo, Monday (Tokyo time) for the 25th consecutive day.

Jap Plane Attacks Saipan

A lone Japanese plane struck back at Saipan Tuesday, but failed to cause damage.

A Tokyo broadcast warned the Japanese people that a shortage in essential war materials were responsible for reverses in the Pacific and would become more acute as the war continued.

The speaker, Lt. Cmdr. Arimichi Yamagata, former war minister, said Superfortresses "blasting our important war industries and blindly scattering incendiaries and other explosives" should squelch any possible optimism.

Yank Airmen Score From Philippine's Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Jan. 3.—Philippines-based bombers have reached another 500 miles toward Japan from the southwest.

They set five coastal vessels afire and shot down four planes east of Formosa, the enemy's strongest bastion south of his homeland, it was announced today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported that navy Liberators on Sunday made the first land-based raid against the Formosa area since the Superfortress attacks from China last October.

The Liberators flew some 500 miles beyond Luzon's Lingayen gulf, previously the deepest penetration of enemy territory by MacArthur's bombers.

885 Miles From Japan

The attack carried some 700 miles north of the nearest American base on Mindoro to within 885 miles of Japan proper and 1450 miles of Tokyo.

Swarms of other American planes wrought new destruction on and around Luzon, softening it up for an eventual invasion.

Japanese Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, former commander in the Philippines, predicted in an interview broadcast by the Tokyo radio that the Americans "will stubbornly attempt to carry out landing operations on Luzon."

"So Long . . ."

(So long as Japan holds Luzon, he said, "the enemy's attempts to recapture the Philippines will not be realized.")

Medium bombers struck 250 miles north of Manila and touched off fires and explosions at the west coast port of Laoag Monday. Other aircraft sank a 200-ton merchant ship and a gunboat off the west coast.

Marine Corsairs again peppered southern Luzon, shooting up railway transportation and hitting enemy troop concentrations and bivouac areas.

Wed 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Heskiah Sylvester, R. R. 3, Noblesville, Ind., recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have resided near Noblesville for the past 50 years.

CALLS FOR U. S. POLICY VIEWS

London Times Asks 'Bold And Active Leadership' By America.

LONDON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—The Times of London, joining in a growing British demand for a statement on American foreign policy, appealed to the United States today to declare the methods by which they will take "a bolder and more active lead" in world affairs.

Denouncing current international misunderstandings as "a vicious circle," the Times urged congress to clarify its intentions and allay international doubts whether the United States will play a major role in world affairs.

"Nothing could do more to aid the framing of constructive policies for the future than a clearer indication of the forms in which the United States envisages its share of responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security," the Times said.

Foresees Vital Decisions

"The new congress, freed from immediate electioneering preoccupations, faces decisions of unprecedented importance for the United States and for the world."

"A wavering and equivocal response would gravely weaken the hands of the executive in the forthcoming and crucial allied negotiations."

The Times said that "isolationism in its manifold guises" remains a living force in American thinking. It added that the approaching end of the European war has made the Americans realize that declarations of principle and criticism of European developments are insufficient without accompanying concrete decisions.

"A vicious circle is thus set up," the Times said. "American censure untempered by American proposals for constructive action encourages belief on this side of the Atlantic in ingrained American unwillingness to accept political responsibilities in Europe."

Urge Definite Stands

"And European nations, feeling more and more convinced that they will be thrown back on European resources for upholding of their future security, take steps which still further alienate American opinion."

From this circle there is no way save through a bolder and more active American lead in world affairs; and this no president, even with the enormous personal prestige of Mr. Roosevelt, can give without more assured backing than he has hitherto enjoyed from congress and from the mass of American opinion."

DIENHART HEARING UNDER G. I. BILL SET

The G. I. bill of rights case of I. J. (Nish) Dienhart will be heard Friday by a re-employment committee of local selective board No. 3.

An honorably discharged navy veteran, he has been attempting for several months to be reinstated to his former job as municipal airport superintendent.

It was learned that the local board yesterday received the complete file of the case from the Tippecanoe county board where Mr. Dienhart originally had filed his request.

Mr. Dienhart's attempt to displace Lt. Col. Walker Winslow as airport head is said to have received prominent publication in Stars and Stripes.

Transfer of the case from the Lafayette board was ordered by Col. Robinson Hitchcock, state selective service director, after Mr. Dienhart reported to that board he had been unable to obtain his former job.

The re-employment committee of local board No. 3 is composed of two personnel directors, Russell Newell, of the Standard Margarine Co., Inc., and Harold Schuman, of Kingan & Co.

"I want to assure you of the personal devotion and loyalty of myself and all those under my command," Montgomery said. "We will follow you anywhere."

Eisenhower replied: "I send you and all the forces under your command my best wishes for the New Year, as well as my profound gratitude for your great services during the year just past."

"In full knowledge of your continued loyalty and devotion, I am confident that 1945 will be for us a year of victory and will bring us peace."

"Good luck to you!"

FIREMAN OVERCOME IN BLAZE AT STORE

Motorists turning off Central ave. today were sliding over a glazed surface where gallons of water froze after firemen fought a two-alarm fire at 960 Ft. Wayne ave. last night.

The fire began in the basement of the Furniture Crafts Co. from an overheated furnace, firemen said, and caused damage amounting to approximately \$800.

One fireman, Bernell Brown, 31, of 418-Bosart ave., was overcome by smoke. His condition is serious at City hospital.

The fire threatened persons living in three apartments over the furniture store and also slightly damaged merchandise in an adjoining store, the Githens Carpet Co., 962 Ft. Wayne ave.

William Villanova, Apartment 1, and Henry Carbine, Apartment 3, living above where the fire began, were the first to discover it.

The damaged building is owned by John F. Weghorst, 33 E. 34th st., and Edwin Rothkopf, 1032 E. Tabor st.

New Judges of State High Court



Indiana had a solid Republican supreme court today for the first time in 12 years. These three new G. O. P. jurists, sworn in simultaneously yesterday, are (left to right) Justices Howard S. Young of Indianapolis, Oliver Starr of Gary and Frank E. Gilkison of Washington. The two holdover members, not shown, are Chief Justice Mart J. O'Malley of Huntington and Judge Frank N. Richman of Columbus.

FUND EXPENDITURES INCREASED FOR 1945

Community fund expenditures are expected to reach their highest peak in history during 1945, Community Fund President Perry W. Lesh said today.

Mr. Lesh attributed the increased spending to several factors, including the addition of seven agencies to the list of those supported by the fund.

The new agencies increased the 1945 budget outlay by \$56,400, while wartime services operated in connection with existing agencies will cost about \$70,000.

Increased appropriations to agencies will total about \$119,000.

NOTED EVANGELIST COMING

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary to India, called one of the greatest evangelists of the world today, has accepted an invitation to give the addresses for interdenominational meetings here in Holy week.

Wallace's Future Uncertain—Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt may be getting ready to say something about Vice President Wallace's future in the government.

Asked at his news conference yesterday about job plans for Wallace—who turns the vice presidency over to Senator Harry S. Truman (D. Mo.) on Jan. 20—Mr. Roosevelt said he did not think he had any news on that.

The President paused a moment and added one word—today.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY SLATED TOMORROW

Burns-West Striebeck auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 2990 will sponsor a card party at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Food Craft Shop. Proceeds will go to the veterans' hospital fund.

Mrs. Theresa Larkin, hospital chairman, will be in charge.

RAYMOND CLAPPER AWARD TERMS GIVEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—The Raymond Clapper Memorial Association, Inc., today announced authorization of bestowal this year of the first annual Raymond Clapper memorial award comprising a \$500 cash prize and a suitable scroll.

It said the award will be made to the Washington newspaper man or woman "whose work in the previous year most closely approximated . . . the ideals of fair and painstaking reporting and good craftsmanship that were characteristic of Raymond Clapper and that contribute, as did his work, to public enlightenment and a sound democracy."

The association was formed last year in honor of the late columnist who was killed in an airplane crash during the American invasion of the Marshall Islands. Members of the jury which will decide the recipient of this year's award will be named shortly by the standing committee of Washington correspondents.

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Eisenhower Is Confident 1945 Will Bring Victory

LONDON, Jan. 3 (U. P.).—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today he "was confident 1945 would bring the allies victory and peace in Europe. His prediction was contained in an exchange of New Year's messages with Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, who was reported in British and neutral circles to be slated for appointment as Eisenhower's deputy in over-all command of allied ground forces on the Western front.

Montgomery sent the "best wishes and sincere hope" of the British empire forces under his command that 1945 "may see for you and the allied forces a great victory."

"I want to assure you of the personal devotion and loyalty of myself and all those under my command," Montgomery said. "We will follow you anywhere."

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