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New Premier Pessimistic Over Japan's 'Survival'

By CHARLES ARNOT

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LONDON, April 7.—Premier Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki formed a new "battle" cabinet for Japan today.

The Japanese high command again was shaken up.

And Suzuki warned the nation that the war situation "warrants not the least bit of optimism whatever for our nation's survival."

The high command shakeup, announced by the Japanese war department, was undertaken "in order to strengthen the defense of the Japanese mainland" which

the Japanese nervously fear may be attacked by the Americans at any time.

It established a new overall army command which was placed in the hands of Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama, war minister in the fallen Koiso government, and Field Marshal Shunroku Hata, former commander of all Japanese forces in China.

At the same time an overall army air command was set up under Gen. Mazakazu.

The 77-year-old Suzuki who himself took the posts of

premier, foreign minister and Greater East Asia minister in the new government declared that:

"The enemy have now firmly established themselves on our homeland."

His reference was to the American foothold on Okinawa.

Offering himself to die in battle, if necessary, he declared:

"The present war, which is fought for the very existence of our empire, has come to the most important

crucial stage, which warrants not the least bit of optimism whatever for our nation's survival.

"If the situation continues like this the basis of our nation's existence might be threatened."

"The resisting power to destroy the arch enemy and thereby protect our own fatherland can only be found in the sincerity shown to the throne by the entire nation."

"Now, Japanese, and only now is the time for the 100,000,000 people of Japan to rise as one to defend the

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TANKS CLOSE ON BREMEN, HANNOVER

**Two German Cities Are Outflanked
As Allies Race on Through
Crumbling Nazi Lines.**

BULLETIN

WITH 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION, April 7 (U. P.)—American troops today probed into a salt mine and captured 100 tons of gold bullion—believed to be the entire gold reserve of the German reichsbank.

The doughboys also captured a priceless collection of art treasures which had just been brought in from Berlin. It was estimated that \$3,000,000,000 in paper marks was in the mine as well as \$2,000,000,000 in American paper currency.

By BOYD D. LEWIS

United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, April 7.—Bremen and the great German arms city of Hannover were outflanked today in a mile-an-hour Anglo-American breakthrough.

The northern wing of the allied armies was carried within 140 miles of Berlin.

Armored columns of the American 9th and British 2d armies were barely 10 miles from the two enemy strongholds and advancing through disorganized opposition at a pace that threatened their imminent capture or envelopment.

(Swedish dispatches said Radio Hannover went off the air suddenly at 11 a. m. after flashing a message that the Americans were nearing the city.) Tank-riding doughboys of the 9th army's 2d armored division leaped out in front of the northern march on Berlin with a 19-mile dash east from their Weser river bridgehead at Hamlin.

The Yanks captured Schleswig, 10 miles southeast of Hannover and 140 miles west of Berlin, and plunged ahead toward Brunswick, 50 odd miles away.

The fall of Schulenberg, on the Leine river, outflanked the defenses of Hannover, already menaced by American and British forces swinging in on the city from the southwest and west.

Simultaneously, British 2d army tanks stabbed north along both sides of the Weser in a virtually unopposed march on Bremen. The Britons early today were reported 12 miles south of the port and may already have reached its outskirts.

Communications Cut

The British cut direct communications between Bremen and Hannover. German spokesmen said the Tommies were on an ambitious run.

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On to Berlin

The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:

EASTERN FRONT—21 miles from Zauckerick.

WESTERN FRONT—126 miles from Schlotheim.

ITALIAN FRONT—516 miles from near Comacchio.

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Reds Fighting Inside Vienna

**Radio Reports Russians
Near Center of City.**

LONDON, April 7 (U. P.)—A broadcast from Vienna said today that the Russians had broken into the Austrian capital and were nearing the center in heavy street fighting.

The rattling of gun fire punctuated the broadcast, London newspapers said.

There was no immediate confirmation of the report that the Russians were nearing the center of Vienna, but Moscow dispatches said the Red army was fighting for the Simmering district just inside the city limits on the southeast.

Nazi Old Guard Ordered to Make 'Utmost Sacrifice'

BULLETIN

LONDON, April 7 (U. P.)—Berlin said today that Nazi party posts and German government posts had been divorced, and consequently Nazi officials no longer

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Reds' Breach of Jap Pact Raises Conference Hopes

By HAL O'FLAHERTY, Times Foreign News Analyst

ONE WEEK AGO there were dark forebodings about the success of the San Francisco conference on world security. Postponement or abandonment of the project was suggested by students of our foreign relations.

Today, the misgivings have been replaced by a warm feeling of confidence. Our own state department is entitled to credit for much of this renewed faith in the possibilities of a stable peace.

The forthright statement of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius on voting procedure placed that question in its proper place as one to be decided in the debates at San Francisco.

But more than anything else, Russia's breach of the non-aggression pact with Japan has altered the thoughts of deeply disturbed Americans.

No matter what follows Russia's

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Rate Dog Lovers Seeking Poisoner

19 of 20 Pets Die in One Neighborhood.

Residents within a six-block radius of Michigan and Arnolda sts. are loading guns in hopes of drawing a bead on the poisoner of 19 pet dogs in that vicinity. Police Sgt. Charles Winkler said today.

"Those people are really hot," said the sergeant. "They're actually up in arms. Somebody may get shot."

Police suspect the dog-killing epidemic was perpetuated by someone with an acute fear of the animals, Sgt. Winkler added.

In all 20 pets were poisoned between noon Wednesday and 3 p. m. Friday. One was taken to a veterinarian immediately and recovered. The remainder died within five to 20 minutes, but their owners have yet to determine in what form the poison was offered.

Sgt. Winkler said he had checked all drug stores in the neighborhood for strichrome, the type of poison used, but without success.

Poisonings occurred in the 400

Hoosier Heroes: One Dead, 2 Missing and 8 Imprisoned

PRISONERS

T. 4th Gr. Lewis Wheaton, 1420 N. Alabama st., of Germany.

Sgt. Everett K. Grogg, Bridgeport, of Germany.

Pvt. Roger L. Alvis, 3030 E. 10th st., of Germany.

Pvt. Frank Del Vecchio, 2922 McPherson st., of Germany.

T. 5th Gr. Oran W. Ford, 2306 N. Illinois st., of Germany.

Pvt. John M. Griffin, 317 N. Oxford st., of Germany.

T. 5th Gr. George N. McKinney, 1538 Lawton ave., of Germany.

T. Sgt. John C. Ambuhl, 1817 N. Delaware st., of Germany.

SAFE

First Lt. Fred A. Wielck, 320 E. Maple rd., safe in Europe.

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NEW CABINET FOR CZECHS

LONDON, April 7 (U. P.)—Radio

Moscow reported from Kosice today that President Edward Beneš of Czechoslovakia had appointed a new cabinet headed by Walter Fülinger, former Ambassador to Russia, as premier.

WEATHER OUTLOOK: A MILD WEEK-END

Most of Fruit Escapes Frost Damage.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

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