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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. Mazakaza.

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 ROY D. LEWIS

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PARIS, April 7.—Bremen and the great German arms city of Hannover were outflanked today in a mile-an-hour armor-plated 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 warning 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 Hameln.

The Yanks captured Schulenberg, 10 miles southeast of Hannover and 140 miles west of Berlin, and plunged ahead toward Brunswick, 300-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—31 miles from Zaesericki.
WESTERN FRONT—126 miles from Schlotheim.
ITALIAN FRONT—516 miles (from near Comacchio).

Nazi Old Guard Ordered to Make 'Utmost Sacrifice'
BULLETIN
LONDON, April 7 (U. P.).—Berlin said today that Nazi party poets and German government poets 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. Stettin 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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HEROIC MOTHER— Unborn Son Sacrificed to Save Child

Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, April 7.—Mrs. Cora Henson was recovering today in Bloomington hospital from a heart-breaking childbirth tragedy.

The 32-year-old expectant mother sacrificed the life of her unborn son to rescue another child from drowning near the Henson home on the outskirts of town. For awhile, her own life, too, hung in the balance.

The baby was born two months prematurely following a Caesarean operation and died a few minutes after birth.

PHYSICIANS said the early birth and subsequent death were caused by exertion Mrs. Henson expended in pulling her step-grandson, Mickey Petrick, 3, from a pond March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester, neighbors of the Hensons, have launched a move through the Bloomington World-Telephone to obtain the Carnegie medal for the young wife as a token of her selfless heroism.

For when Mrs. Henson gripped a sapling with one hand and reached out toward the drowning lad with the other, she realized the risk she was taking. Four previous infants had died at childbirth.

"But she just didn't think about that," her husband, Louis Henson, 40, observed.

A SET of triplets had succumbed four years ago. Another baby died after taking its first few breaths a year later.

A steel planer in a local war plant, Mr. Henson said his wife, in her bereavement, was particularly distraught over the fact that she had been too ill to see her son.

During this week in the family plot in Cloverdale cemetery near four other tiny gravestones.

"We hadn't decided on a name for the little fellow," Mr. Cora

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COLLECTION OF TIN TO START MONDAY

City Is Divided Into Four Zones for Campaign.

The city's first monthly tin drive will begin Monday, the Marion county salvage committee and Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsors, reminded householders today.

Curb collections will be held in the area north of 16th st. and west of Meridian st. Monday, north of 16th st. and east of Meridian st. Tuesday, south of 16th st. and east of Meridian st. Wednesday and south of 16th st. and west of Meridian st. Thursday.

City trucks will make the clockwise salvage collection. Cans must be washed of paper, both ends cut out and squashed.

IRATE 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 strychnine, the type of poison used, but without success.

Poisonings occurred in the 400

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JAP SUPER-BATTLESHIP IS SUNK, 8 OTHER WAR VESSELS BLASTED

Record B-29 Fleet Bombs Japanese Cities

ESCORTED BY YANK FIGHTER CRAFT ON IWO

Biggest U. S. Land-Based Armada Strikes at Jap Factories.

By LISLE SHOEMAKER

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GUAM, April 7.—An estimated 400 Superfortresses—

escorted by long-range Mustang fighters—poured hundreds of tons of demolition bombs on the Musashina and Mitsubishi aircraft engine plants on the island of Honshu today.

The air armada was the largest land-based force to hit the enemy homeland. This was the first time that fighters had teamed with the giant B-29's for a double attack on targets on Honshu.

The scoring Mustangs shot down 21 enemy fighters, probably destroyed six more, and damaged 10. Two American fighters were lost but one pilot was rescued.

Based on Iwo Jima

The fighters came from newly acquired bases on Iwo Jima, 730 miles south of Tokyo.

They have been in action previously against targets in the nearby Bonins, but this was the first time they had appeared over the Jap home islands.

The planes passed over the Musashina factory at Nakajima near Tokyo and the Mitsubishi plant at Nagoya a few hours before noon. Early reports indicated the weather was clear enough to permit visual bombing from a medium height.

Big Engine Plants

These factories account for roughly three-fourths of the production of Japanese combat aircraft engines. They have been the targets of several previous raids by Superfortresses, serious damage to them would badly cripple enemy aircraft production.

Tokyo radio said 40 of the Mustangs bombed and strafed western Tokyo and the nearby port of Yokohama.

The assault marked the opening of a new phase of the air offensive against Japan. With fighter protection, the Superfortresses can drop their cargoes of fire and demolition bombs from lower altitudes with much less chance of interception.

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Hoosier Heroes: One Dead, 2 Missing and 8 Imprisoned

One Indianapolis man has been killed in Germany and two others are missing in that country. Eight are prisoners of the Nazis. A local infantry officer, listed as missing, is safe, today's casualty lists reveal.

KILLED

T. 5th Gr. Walter E. Appleby, 832 S. Norfolk ave., in Germany.

MISSING

Pvt. James L. Davis, 1020 E. Morris st., in Germany.

T. Sgt. Harry T. Peltrey, Mars Hill, in Germany.

GERMAN BATTLESHIP REPORTED SCUTTLED

LONDON, April 7 (U. P.).—The Daily Express said today that the 26,000-ton German battleship Gneisenau had been scuttled and the 6000-ton light cruiser Leipzig torpedoed.

The only authority given by the Express for the statement on the Gneisenau was that "Russians have not reported discovery of the Gneisenau since it captured Gdynia but the battleship could not have gotten away and is beyond doubt scuttled."



The sign says have one or give one. But customers of Everett Regnier's Dearborn market, Dearborn and E. Washington sts., give and don't take. The cigarettes are for the men of the Veterans' Administration hospital. Here Mrs. Scottie Strang, 32 S. Dearborn, adds her contribution as Mr. Regnier looks on approvingly.

WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, April 7.—What next in the Pacific? Joint chiefs of staff haven't decided, unless events of the last 24 hours jelled their thinking.

With Okinawa, we'll have a strange hold on Jap commerce, won't have to bother about Formosa, or anything south of there, so:

1. Shall our forces make a strike for the China coast, perhaps in the area of a large port?

2. Or shall our forces head straight for the Japanese homeland?

The first alternative involves a long campaign; the second a bloody one. Iwo Jima proved that, on their islands, the Japs will fight even more fanatically than elsewhere.

But if our leaders decide to pay the price, one school of thought here believes this is the quickest way to win—quickest by years, perhaps.

The choice must be made soon. Okinawa-fighting should end early in May. The island is big, heavily garrisoned, and has a large civilian population, but our people would be satisfied with only half of it. The other half's mountains, couldn't be used, and Japs remaining there could be left to starve.

Note: Don't do any heavy betting about our next move. Chances

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WEATHER OUTLOOK: A MILD WEEK-END

Most of Fruit Escapes Frost Damage.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
6 a. m. 42 10 a. m. 55
7 a. m. 42 11 a. m. 58
8 a. m. 45 12 (Noon) 61
9 a. m. 49 1 p. m. 62

Indianapolis was assured of a "fair and mild" week-end today by the weatherman.

At the same time, the dispositions of Hoosier fruit tree-growers waxed sunnier by the hour after a check-up showed that Friday's low temperatures failed to faze most of the crop.

The local forecast was: Fair and mild today, tonight and tomorrow; showers likely by Monday night.

On the orchard front, it was learned that damage this week confined chiefly to low areas, where the loss was heavy. But the majority of orchards in the major fruit-producing districts were described as little hurt.

Horticulturists at Purdue uni-

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YAMATO GOES DOWN IN BIG SEA VICTORY

391 Foe Planes Wrecked Off Okinawa; Three U. S. Destroyers Lost.

By FRANK TREMAINE

United Press Staff Correspondent

GUAM, April 7.—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz today announced Japan had lost the most powerful dreadnaught left in her battered fleet—the 40,000-ton super-battleship, Yamato.

Eight other warships were sunk or damaged, and 391 planes in a desperate air and sea attempt to stem the American invasion of Okinawa.

American losses were three destroyers sunk, several destroyers and smaller craft damaged, and seven planes shot down.

In addition to the Yamato, the Japanese lost a light cruiser of the 6000-ton class, and three other destroyers were left burning.

Their air losses included: 116 planes lost to American fighters and anti-aircraft in a Japanese attack April 6 on shore installations and ships off Okinawa; 245 planes shot down by fleet carrier fighters in the same action; 30 Japanese planes shot down April 7, the day on which the Japanese fleet losses were inflicted.

Hit by Eight Torpedoes

The Yamato sank after being hit by at least eight torpedoes launched by torpedo aircraft, and eight heavy bombs, in addition to strafing by rocket and machine-gun fire.

Adm. Nimitz revealed that the blow to the desperate Japanese was once again inflicted by the fast carrier force of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher.

The Yamato, Adm. Nimitz said, was the most powerful battleship left in the Japanese fleet. It probably was Japan's newest dreadnaught, laid down in 1938 or 1939.

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WAR FRONTS

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WESTERN FRONT—British 2d and American 9th armies 10 miles from Bremen and Hannover; both cities outflanked.

EASTERN FRONT—Russian forces reported battling in streets of Vienna.

PACIFIC—Jap super-battleship and five other warships sunk in air-sea battle off Okinawa; B-29's and 7th air force fighters join in attack on Tokyo and Nagoya; American troops continue gains on Okinawa.

AIR WAR—American bombers attack Germany again.

ITALY—Fifth army captures Mt. Folgorito and drives toward Spezia.

4th of Remaining Jap Fleet Wrecked in Okinawa Battle

WASHINGTON, April 7 (U. P.).—An official navy spokesman said today that more than a fourth of the remaining Japanese fleet was destroyed in yesterday's battle off southern Japan.

Six Japanese ships—including the super-battleship Yamato and two cruisers—were sunk.

What still remains, the spokesman said, constitutes a "not-so-powerful task force which could be easily handled" by anyone of the U. S. fleet's major task forces.

He said that the composition of

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