

YANKS STALLED IN S. OKINAWA

Invasion Forces Gaining in Other Sectors.

By UNITED PRESS
The American drive on Naha in Southern Okinawa stalled against Japanese resistance today.

But invasion forces continued gains in other sectors with practically no opposition.

To the north, marines captured a submarine base on Unten bay in a mile and a half advance. Torpedoes and mines were seized but the Japanese had removed all submarines and other craft.

Army troops opened the entrance to Uragasuku bay, one of the best naval anchorages south of Japan, by an amphibious landing Tuesday on Tsugen (Tsukata) island, about 10 miles off the southeast Okinawa coast. Only moderate resistance was encountered and officers expected the enemy to be cleared from the island soon.

Other troops had captured almost two-thirds of the bay's shoreline and Tokyo said American warships already were operating in the bay.

Troops of the 24th army corps battled to crack the Japanese defense lines four miles above the island capital, Naha.

Heavy Artillery Barrage

Marine artillery was moved south to bolster army guns in the heaviest artillery barrage of the Pacific war. Naval guns offshore continued to pound Japanese positions.

The Japanese virtually were matching the fire from favorable emplacements on two ridges from which they had perfect observation.

No ground advances had been reported in the past 24 hours. The Japanese were fighting from caves and underground pillboxes and blockhouses from which they had to be dug out with flamethrowers and bayonets.

In the Philippines, American troops crushed the last organized Japanese resistance on southern Luzon. They seized control of the Sulu archipelago in the south by occupying Jolo island.

Other troops landed on Busanga Island, north of American controlled Palawan across the Sulu sea from Mindanao and ended Japanese control of 3000 lepers in the Culion colony.

American bombers from the Philippines continued neutralization attacks on Formosa and sank or damaged three more Japanese cargo vessels in maintaining the aerial blockade of China sea shipping.

Radio Tokyo today identified three American carriers, which it claimed were sunk off Okinawa Friday, as the Essex, the converted carrier Langley and the auxiliary carrier Hopper. U. S. communiques made no mention of carrier losses.

Income Taxpayer Gets His Revenge

CLEVELAND, April 11 (U. P.)—A Cleveland movie operator today was a leading candidate for Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau's personal Public Enemy No. 1.

The man, who must be unnamed because income tax returns are confidential, decided that it was too much trouble to figure out his tax himself, so he took advantage of a law and sent in his withholding slips.

That, in itself, wouldn't be so bad. But this particular guy—because of the profession he pursued—got paid every night. And he got a withholding slip with each pay day. He accumulated 368 slips this way since last year was leap year.

The revenue bureau put the slips through some 50 separate operations and a staff of employees spent a week figuring out the return.

Thomas M. Carey, revenue collector here, said he hopes the guy will file his income tax return somewhere else next year.

SCHMELING IN NAZI DESERTER'S PRISON

WITH U. S. NINTH ARMY, April 11 (U. P.)—Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight champion, was reported today to be imprisoned at a Wehrmacht deserters camp in Posenberg near Bremen, where more than 100,000 former German soldiers have died of starvation and cruel treatment.

An informant said Schmeling was sent to the camp by Nazi party orders along with Illy Forst, former German movie star, and Adolf Hauser, former German middle-weight boxing champion.

GERMAN GENERAL IS CALLED 'COWARD'

LONDON, April 11 (U. P.)—The Nazi Transocean agency today reported that the German high command has charged General Lasch commander of the fortress of Koenigsberg, with "cowardice" in surrendering to the Russians.

It was the first time the Nazi high command had publicly charged a field commander of cowardice for surrendering.

The high command said that Koenigsberg was lost prematurely through the actions of Lasch.

BARUCH SEES PATTON

PARIS, April 11 (U. P.)—Bernard Baruch, President Roosevelt's emissary, visited the 3d army yesterday, headquarters disclosed last night. He had lunch with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton. Later he crossed the Rhine to view Coblenz and Wiesbaden.

K. O. 1738 GERMAN PLANES
PARIS, April 11 (U. P.)—Allied air forces destroyed or damaged 1738 German planes during the week ended April 10, including at least 1141 wrecked in attacks on 88 enemy airfields, headquarters disclosed today.

Lone Survivor



GERMANS MINE FOR YANK ARMY

Seized Rhineland Property Used by Captors.

HAMBORN, Germany, April 9 (Delayed) (U. P.)—German workers who once dug and processed coal for the Nazi wehrmacht are back on the job again—this time producing for the American war machine.

Approximately 4500 men are working in these Rhineland mines, once owned by the fabulous Fritz Thyssen and seized only a few days ago by American troops.

The burgomaster of Hamborn, formerly the manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Germany, believes the mines could begin full production in two weeks if the army would help him round up workers.

Slaves Liberated
The mines, which fed Germany's Ruhr factories, are situated in the area around Hamborn, Sterkrade and Bottrop above the Rhine-Herne

canal—within gunshot of German troops in the Ruhr pocket.

The section is like the coal and steel area of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, with the homes covered by grim coal dust and soot. Even the workers look the same, their clothes blackened and their pallor characteristic of underground workers.

But there the similarity ends.

Here the German miners leave

bomb-wrecked homes and plod to the pits through rubble-strewn streets. They flinch when a single plane passes overhead.

But they are willing to work and happy the bombs have ceased.

They are guaranteed money, food and security even though working for conquerors.

Hamborn at one time had a population of 125,000, but it was reduced to 85,000 when the Americans took it.

Approximately 500 slave laborers were liberated and await disposition.

The remaining workers all are Germans.

ALL CITIZENS INTERESTED
PEARL HARBOR, April 11 (U. P.)—Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen said here last night that every American citizen has an interest in the world security conference at San Francisco because it represents the "only hope of preventing future wars."

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GERMAN PLANT CUT INTO ROCK

Yank Invaders Come Upon Hidden Nazi Factory.

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WITH U. S. 84TH DIVISION, Germany, April 10 (Delayed)—The Weser river slices through sharp cliffs at the village of Lerbeck, a few miles south of Minden; in some of the most attractive terrain the 8th army has seen.

Except for a small railroad yard in Lerbeck itself, there is nothing on aerial reconnaissance target maps to justify a second look.

Yet when infantrymen crossed the river and cleaned out resistance on the heights they found a huge German war factory cut into the solid rock.

Machine Loot

WASHINGTON, April 11 (U. P.)—The plant, burrowed at least 350 feet into the cliff, was jammed with huge, intricate machines. I saw

row upon row of gleaming lathes.

Mostly the machines were Ger-

man-made but several showed that the Nazis supplemented their machine shops with loot from occupied countries.

This was a double factory. The lower two flights, behind massive doors which had been guarded by watch dogs and police, turned out ballbearings, continuing the work of a bombed out plant at Minden.

Made Tank Parts

On the upper two flights, component parts of German tanks were machined and shipped to assembly plants in the vicinity of Berlin. Machines here had been sent from Aachen last September before the allied advance and had been in production only a few months.

Key workers were Germans but several hundred Poles and Ukrainians were herded into the shops daily.

Only a few sheds were above ground and they were camouflaged. Civilians living within a mile of the scene were not aware of the factory's existence.

LIBERTY SHIP LOST

WASHINGTON, April 11 (U. P.)—The war shipping administration today announced the loss of the liberty ship Robert L. Vann in European waters. The sinking was due

to an underwater explosion.

BLAMES PRESIDENT FOR LIQUOR TRAFFIC

TOLEDO, April 11 (U. P.)—A 66-year-old Toledo man won his divorce when he explained how he had been rushed off his feet by a fellow-member of a lonely hearts club.

He said all he did was write to an Alabama woman saying he

would like to see and talk to her. "The next 'thing I knew,'" he testified, "she had sold all her belongings and had come here to meet, and marry me."

SCREEN WRITER SUED

HOLLYWOOD, April 11 (U. P.)—Leslie Charteris, mystery story writer and screen scenarist, was sued for \$796 back alimony today by Barbara Charteris, who also

requested an accounting of his income and net earnings.

The Three Groups in the Garden. The revival which is sponsored by all the Methodist churches of this community will continue with daily sessions at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. through April 22.

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