

NAVY MASSED FOR BIG FIGHT

Ordered to Hunt Down and Destroy Jap Power.

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munique from Calcutta reported enemy troops still on the move there, possibly presaging new attacks.

The American fleet ranging far Pacific waters was commanded by Vice Adm. John S. McCain, who commands carrier forces under Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey, whose avowed mission in life is to kill as many Japanese as possible.

That's what the fleet was out to do, although the position from which it hoped to accomplish that was still a secret.

"The present mission of this powerful task force is to wipe out Japanese air power and shipping," said a spokesman for McCain.

Air Force Weakening

Carrier planes from the task force, he added, will team up with the B-29 fleets and other land-based warplanes massed on the Pacific islands in the mounting pre-invasion bombardment of Japan.

On Okinawa, Maj. Gen. Louis Woods, chief of the marine tactical air force, declared that enemy aerial opposition was weakening.

"Good targets are getting scarce. Even though we are now ranging into the heart of the empire," Woods said.

The aerial defenses of Tokyo itself took a terrific pounding from American army fighters based on Iwo Jima over the week-end, and other Yank fliers piled up further losses in Japan's dwindling merchant fleet.

Seven Mustangs Down

Three waves of Mustang fighters, each about 50 strong and each led by a single B-29 Superfortress, lashed the Tokyo area with rockets, cannon and machine gun fire at mid-day Sunday.

Only a handful of enemy planes rose to challenge them and the raiders roared in at roof-top level to rip up the Hyakurigahara and Tokorozawa airfields. They set hangars and other military installations afire and destroyed or damaged 45 Japanese planes.

Seven Mustangs were shot down in the attack, but three pilots had been rescued by late yesterday and it was indicated further rescues might be possible.

The air forces reported 16 more

Eclipse Visible 12 Minutes as Clouds Play Hide and Seek

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ful observers as it etched into the sun's dazzling orb.

One member of the Indiana Astronomical Society, the Rev. Randall Lookabille, of Greentown, traveled to Pine Ridge, Manitoba, Canada, to view the eclipse in company with a scientific expedition there.

The heavenly phenomenon ended somewhere in the heart of Turkey, Russia, where the sun was going down when the moon passed between it and the earth. At the same time, old Sol, partially veiled, was rising over the rugged mountainous west of the United States.

In Opheim, Mont., 50 miles south of the Canadian border, two distinct rainbows flanked the shadow as it obliterated most of the sun's light. Opheim was the last U. S. town within the 25-mile path of totality on this continent.

Totally Seen in West

At 7:14 a. m. the point of totality was reached. It lasted for 30 seconds and then the shadow of the moon began creeping across the other side of the sun.

Creeping out of the dawn, the shadow of the moon swept across a light stratum of clouds at Boise, Ida, and then raced northwesterly at a 2,000-mile-an-hour clip.

Observers at an east mountain lookout near Cascade, Ida, were treated to a brilliant display as the sun rose obliterated by the moon except for a fiery red corona, or ring, circling the moon's edges. The outer corona was white.

Dr. Otto Struve, director of Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., said the total eclipse came too early in the morning in this country for scientific observation.

May Get Valuable Data

However, in Canada and from observation points in other nations scientists expected to gain new and significant data. They photographed the inner and outer corona of the sun in an effort to find clues to that mysterious generation of en-

emy vessels were sunk or damaged in week-end attacks that enforced the blockade around Japan. The bag for the past 15 days stood at 305 ships sunk or damaged.

Marcus Island Raid

Tokyo reported that 10 Superfortresses and 140 other planes raided Marcus Island in the central Pacific on Sunday. It was the first B-29 attack on that island.

ergy which creates the corona. This phenomena registers an estimated temperature of 1,000,000 degrees (Centigrade), compared with 6,000 on the sun's surface, and flames into space for 2,000,000 miles around the solar mass.

Scientists explained that such temperatures would consume the earth almost immediately.

Photographs taken today of the eclipse will be studied for months and perhaps years as astronomers and physicists carefully inspect each spot on the pictures.

Subramanya Chandrasekhar and W. Albert Hiltner, Yerkes observatory astronomers, who viewed the eclipse from a remote camp site near Pine River, Manitoba, reported to University of Chicago that "the program was completed through beautiful skies" and the "clouds broke just in time."

The University of Chicago astronomers, studying the eclipse 1200 miles north of Chicago, said the "visual corona was appreciably distorted."

INVASION SEEN AS NECESSARY

High Command Agrees War Can't End Without It.

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churia and Korea to carry on the fight after invasion is not looked for. That is mainly because such a step would negate the very soul of Japanese tradition, nationalism and religion. Moreover, it would be militarily impracticable unless tolerated by Russia, which is most unlikely.

Surrender of the Tokyo government should automatically end resistance elsewhere, although Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell has expressed some doubt about the powerful army in Manchuria.

"The Kwantung army takes orders from nobody," he said. "It has been there since 1931, working hard and has heavy industry and good supplies. There are 2,000,000 Japanese there. We will have to

kill them or sanction a continued occupation of Manchuria."

That, however, is a problem to be solved not before invasion but afterward, when it may solve itself. American attention is focused at present on the home islands.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the American land forces, has made it clear he does not contemplate a detour against Japan by way of China.

An American landing on the China coast is possible, but it would be designed to open a full-scale sea supply route to the Chinese armies to enable them to fulfill the important task assigned to them.

As it shapes up, the Americans are primarily concentrated on Japan itself, lending such aid as may be necessary to China and the southwest Pacific.

MacArthur, for instance, is in command of the Borneo invasion, which is being conducted by Australian troops.

The British and imperial forces have the formidable job of smashing the enemy in southeastern Asia, including Singapore and the Dutch Indies.

China draws the assignment of clearing the Japanese from their own country and perhaps collaborat-

ing in the re-conquest of Manchuria.

In a message on the eighth anniversary of the war with Japan, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said China can carry the "main burden" on the Asiatic continent.

Chiang did not specifically refer to Manchuria. If Russia enters the war against Japan, the situation would be radically altered. It would be an entirely different war on the Asiatic mainland. Russia's position quite possibly will be clarified after the Big Three meeting this month.

CHICKENS DESTROY FOUR-LEGGED KIN

NEWTON, N. C. (U. P.)—A four-legged chicken was hatched recently in a flock in Sherrille Ford community near here. The chick was getting along all right until it was turned into a lot with the larger chickens. The others apparently did not like its odd appearance and pecked and trampled it to death.

PUPS IN WOODCHUCK HOLE

SIPESVILLE, Pa. (U. P.)—Lester Swank discovered two puppies living in a woodchuck hole on his farm. The dogs were about two months old and apparently were well fed.

MARTIN URGES NO THIRD TERM

Asks Amendment to Restore Old Tradition.

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or senate for life or that they be pensioned at \$25,000 a year.

No man is indispensable, Martin argued in behalf of a constitutional limitation on presidential service. And he called the roll of presidents who in one way or another helped make the two-term tradition the unwritten law that it had become before the late President Roosevelt decided in 1939 to seek a third term.

Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln helped impress the no-third-term slogan into American politics.

"Andrew Jackson's view," said Martin, "was that a president who did not wish to conform to the no-third-term tradition would build up political machines and distribute

patronage in such a manner as to obtain support for himself.

"Thus, great decisions of state might be subordinated to the personal interests of the occupant of the White House."

"Jackson foresaw the possibility that an ambitious executive might use political favors to cajole, to bully, and even to purge from political life those members (of congress) who would not conform to his personal desires."

An amendment such as Martin proposed would prevent Mr. Truman from seeking a third term, assuming that he is elected President in 1948. Less than three months of Mr. Roosevelt's fourth term had elapsed when Mr. Truman succeeded him to serve the remaining three years and slightly more than nine months.

ALL SIGNALS USED TO GATHER QUORUM

ASHLAND, Mass. (U. P.)—It took all the bells and whistles in town to round up a quorum for the town meeting here recently.

When the quorum was reached after several hours effort, the meeting passed two bills—for the extension of water mains.

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