

Japs' Lack of Pilots, Fuel Shown by Failure to Fight

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MANILA, July 17.—The failure of the Jap air force to appear in strength against the allied naval and air units now pounding the home islands is further proof that the enemy has neither the pilots nor the fuel to get their planes off the ground. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of our Far East air force declared yesterday.

The blunt-spoken, four-star general, whose command now includes the 5th, 7th and 13th air forces, told me that in his opinion the Japs have drained their source of pilot material.

"The Nip probably has planes, although it is difficult to tell how many of them are operational," he said. "But the small percentage of the Jap population that produces pilots has done about all it can do."

The general, in elaborating that statement, said that enemy pilots have been drawn only from the highest stratum of the Japanese.

Plane Fuel Low
"There is a sharp intellectual cleavage in Japan," he continued. "Only the most intelligent of the race are capable of becoming pilots. You just can't make a flier out of a boy who has known nothing but padding around a rice field all his life. So it is safe to assume that the small group from which their pilots were drawn is pretty well exhausted."

"It has become increasingly evident in recent months that Japan's supply of plane fuel is desperately low."

"Even early in the Luzon campaign we found scores of Jap planes at Clark field, which never got into the air because their gas tanks were empty," Gen. Kenney said.

May Need Spare Parts
The Nips' only sources of gasoline at present, he pointed out, are reserves, stored in the home islands, and some minor synthetic production. Japan's major source of oil was the Netherlands East Indies but our blockade cut off this supply long before the recent Borneo invasion.



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It is impossible to estimate how much of Japan's reserves are left, the general continued, but it is apparent that lack of gasoline is one of its most critical problems. Another factor, which may be keeping enemy planes grounded, is lack of spare parts, Gen. Kenney added. He believes that there is a strong possibility that the Nips, in concentrating on plane production, neglected to manufacture parts for replacements.

The general indicated that he is convinced that Japan cannot make widespread use of suicide bombers in the future.

"The kamikaze boys are spectacular," he observed, "but the very method of attack carries its own seeds of destruction. If you use your top pilots for one-way trips, then you don't have instructors to train young pilots. And if you send youngsters, then you have no pilots to train. Then, too, the suicide plane can't do any fighting and needs fighter protection."

Drafted for Suicide
"The Japs have found that to get one suicide plane on the target it is often necessary to sacrifice a squadron of fighter planes."

The belief that kamikaze pilots are all volunteers, fanatical in their zeal to die for the emperor, is hardly true, Gen. Kenney revealed. He disclosed that recently a suicide pilot parachuted to safety and let his bomb-laden plane crash in the sea. The pilot, captured and interrogated by our forces, told sadly of being drafted for the job. He smuggled a chute on the plane the night before his flight.

Since then, Gen. Kenney added, the Japs have taken a grim view of such tactics. Pilots now are sealed into their cockpits by outside locks.

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HELD IN DEATH OF MINISTER'S WIFE

MIAMI, Fla., June 16 (U. P.).—Seaman 1-c William Wells Parker, 22, of Toledo, O., was held today in connection with the beer bottle slaying of a Massachusetts minister's wife.

The nude body of Mrs. Ella Mae Flynn Eames, 40, wife of the Rev. Owen Eames of Brookline, Mass., was found in a hotel bathtub where Parker said he had tossed it when he discovered she was dead.

Police said Mrs. Eames had been living with an older man here while seeking a divorce from her husband, whom she accused of desertion when he became an army chaplain. Parker told police he met Mrs. Eames in a tavern Sunday night and she accompanied him to his room. She struck him with a beer bottle during an argument, and he grabbed another bottle and struck her, he said.

VICTORY CLUB EUCHERE

The Victory club will have a euchre party at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Food Craft shop.

Cat With 2 Pairs of Wings Stirs British Pub Patrons

LONDON, July 17 (U. P.).—No body has to believe it, but there's a winged cat in the city pound at Sheffield. Not just an ordinary winged cat, but a cat with two sets of wings, fore and aft.

And fellows who've seen it in action swear over their beer that the "wingy cat" can soar 10 feet in the air from a sitting start. That, at least, is the story relayed from Sheffield by a London newspaper last night.

You're not required to do anything about it, but it's recorded that the cat has a front pair of wings with a span of 14 inches from tip to tip, and a rear set, measuring six inches. They're covered with black fur topside and ribbed below.

Gave Him to Pound

Wingy is no novelty in Sheffield, because there was another one around there about six years ago and this full-grown Tom may be an offspring that inherited his flying gear.

It was last Friday night when this outlandish tomcat showed up, flying fitfully down a side street in Sheffield. A startled citizen intercepted him and turned him over to the police.

The police weren't sure about the law on flying cats, so they gave him to the local pound.

Awaiting Owner

And that's where Wingy is supposed to be today. If his owner doesn't come forward, they'll probably have to dispose of him, regretfully.

Since the pound frowns on putting animals on exhibition or using them for scientific purposes until they are dead, the flying cat of Sheffield probably won't be exposed to the public gaze alive.

Unless that owner shows up pretty quickly.

HAMBURG RIOT REPORTED

LONDON, July 17 (U. P.).—The British Broadcasting Co. late yesterday quoted a Hamburg radio broadcast as saying that German crowds had attacked some displaced persons in Hamburg last week-end and several were killed.

GANG HIJACKS 45 BARRELS OF WHISKY

A truck driver was found slugged early today near Warsaw after his cargo of 45 barrels of government whisky was hijacked across the Ohio line.

State police said Russell Koons, 25, whose address is unknown, was driving near Addyston, O., when his truck was stopped. Several men sprang from an automobile and jerked the driver from his seat, blindfolding him and placing him in the waiting car.

Koons told state police he rode for some time before he was slugged and thrown on the road about 12 miles east of Warsaw. During this time, he told authorities, he heard the sound of cattle and believes he was taken near a stockyard.

The truck driver left Lawrenceburg, Ind., last night, en route to Pennsylvania, he told officers.

RELEASE MEDICAL OFFICERS

WASHINGTON, July 17 (U. P.).—The army has released 900 medical officers since Jan. 1 and plans to discharge 7000 more in the next nine months, the war department said today.

Wed in Italy



Cpl. and Mrs. Joseph Facone leave St. Joseph's church in Bari, Italy, where they were married recently. Cpl. Facone is the son of Mrs. Mary Facone, 115 S. Davidson st. The bride is from Collefere province, Rome.

AUSTRIAN CARRIES APPEAL

LONDON, July 17 (U. P.).—A personal envoy from Austrian Chancellor Karl Renner was reported en route to London today to establish contact with the western powers, which thus far have refused to recognize his Soviet-sponsored government.

OCTOBER WAR FUND DRIVE IS PLANNED

Indiana War fund organizations are now making plans in 16 districts for their October campaign to raise \$2,854,000.

The total to be reached in 110 Indiana communities will be approximately \$6,500,000, the same amount asked last year. Clarence Goris, state war fund president stated.

"This will be Indiana's share of the national goal of \$250,000,000 in the nationwide campaign this fall," Frank Zoll, state campaign director, added.

Local chests and federated fund units will seek about \$3,500,000 for local projects.

NEW ARMY SCHOOL URGED

WASHINGTON, July 17 (U. P.).—A bill proposing establishment of a military academy on the Pacific coast was introduced today for Rep. Leroy Johnson (R. Cal.).

PARTIES TO BE FORMED

FLENSBURG, July 17 (U. P.).—German anti-Nazi political parties will be permitted to form soon in British and American occupation zones, it was disclosed today.

Reporter 'Certain' Hitler and Eva Are Hiding in Patagonia

CHICAGO, July 17 (U. P.).—Chicago Times Correspondent Vincent de Pascal has reported from Montevideo that he is "virtually certain" Adolf Hitler and his sweetheart, Eva Braun, are in hiding in a German-owned estate in southern Argentina.

His dispatch was carried in yesterday's final edition of The Times. "From information just received from Buenos Aires," de Pascal wrote, "I am virtually certain Adolf Hitler and his wife, Eva Braun, the latter dressed in masculine clothes, landed in Argentina and are on an immense, German-owned estate in Patagonia."

De Pascal's information, which he said was received through "reliable channels," was that the one-time master of Germany was living on one of a number of estates in the desolate Patagonia area "purchased to provide sanctuaries for the Nazi overlords if, and when, their schemes for world conquest went awry."

De Pascal said that the pair reportedly landed on a lonely shore from a German submarine which later surrendered to the allies. De Pascal wrote that there "certainly are enough Nazi sympathizers in Argentina who would jump at the chance to give a haven to the living symbol of Nazism."

"In this connection," he added, "the utmost significance is now attached to the words of Gen. Basilio Pezeta at a banquet on June 4: 'I am glad to announce that our friends are safe at last.'"

Mr. Brock, who has a chronic heart ailment, said that he had the money when he left home yesterday. He said he was taking the policies and money to the home of a friend, Mrs. Minnie Pam, 118 S. E. St. Clair st., to keep for him while he was being treated at St. Vincent's hospital.

Police said they examined the Mr. Brock and knew that he was bringing the money but that he did not arrive.

Police today were checking to see if the envelope might have been lost in the taxicab.

Okinawans Decline Jap Bid To Mass Suicide; Like Yanks

WASHINGTON, July 17 (U. P.).—Sgt. Harold Helfer, staff correspondent of the marine magazine, Leatherneck, said today that natives of Okinawa like Americans.

In an article in the current issue of the magazine, Helfer said natives had been told by the Japanese that Americans were "hairy savages" who would butcher their children, steal their women and enslave their men.

The Japanese propaganda line advocated mass suicide among Okinawans as preferable to American occupation. However, Helfer said, suicides have been negligible and Okinawans are definitely friendly.

Regarded as Inferior

"They show no signs of fear or resentment," the article said. "Even the young women, at first painfully shy in our presence, promenade without concern."

The article said Okinawans appear to be "a simple and honest people. They are frugal and hard-working. They have to be to survive."

Okinawans, nearly all peasants, were originally of Japanese stock, the magazine said, but have picked up Chinese, Korean and Malayan blood strains. Okinawa has been under Jap rule since 1879 but Okinawans are regarded as inferior by their rulers and may not hold officer's rank in the Japanese army.

Call Seives 'Mericans

Leatherneck said the Japanese assigned three doctors to every 10,000 Okinawans. Disease spread unchecked and lepers mingled with the healthy. American occupation brought a health program to the island, the magazine said, and the natives co-operate fully. "They are not a stupid people and welcome the attention."

Native women, traditionally the workers in Okinawan families, are

chuckling at the sight of their men laboring at army assigned jobs. All males are segregated in work camps to prevent infiltration of Japanese soldiers. Leatherneck said Okinawans understand the reasoning and do not fight it.

The "Americanization" of Okinawa, Leatherneck said, was demonstrated in the town of Sobe. After invasion, a group of natives ran around pointing to themselves and shouting:

"Mericans, Mericans." They thought American citizenship came with the conquest of their island.

BOYS' SCHOOL BAND TO GIVE CONCERT

The Charlton high school band from the Indiana Boys' School at Plainfield will present a band concert tomorrow at 8 p. m. at Brookside park.

Under the direction of Louis L. Durringer, the 38-piece band will play a selection from the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "His Majesty's Ship Pinafore." The program will also include a medley of service songs, the "Honor Band March," Bach's "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Is Sounding," and "Tea for Two."

CORNELIUS CHILDREN WIN FLAG CONTEST

First place in the city recreation department's annual playground flag-judging contest was awarded yesterday to children from Cornelius playground.

George Washington playground children won second place and those at Highland were third. Honorable mention went to youngsters at Finch, Christian, Meikel and Kansas-Meridian playgrounds. Judges were Mrs. Thomas Sheerin, Mrs. C. D. Vawter and Mrs. Robert Wild.

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