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"PREPARE FOR ALLIED INVASION SOON", JAP GENERAL TELLS KYUSHU RESIDENTS

Says Okinawa Battle Is Lost And People Must Prepare To Defend Homeland With All Resources Including Life

LEOPOLD PLANS RETURN DESPITE BELGIUM UNREST

Salzburg Statement Says King To Form A New Govt

A statement by King Leopold of Belgium, issued through a spokesman in Salzburg, expressed the King's decision to return to Belgium in spite of the growing unrest at the announcement of his planned return.

The announcement stated that the King was assuming his full constitutional perogatives and would immediately try to form a new government to replace the van Acker administration which resigned when word of the King's intended return reached Beligum.

To protest Leopold's decision

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GANDHI OFFERS TO AID AT CONFERENCE

Mahatma Gandhi has written Field Marshal Lord Wavell saying he will make a point of being at the Viceroy's service before and during the proceedings of the conference of Indian leaders, to be convened in Shila, Monday, a Reuters dispatch said, last night.

Gandhi had earlier refused to be a member of the conference but said he would help unofficially if desired.

With Gandhi's announcement, a Hindu organization known as the "Antipakistan front" demonstrated in front of his home against his seeming support of Lord Wavell and five members of the organization were arrested.

Battlefield Awards

SILVER STAR to: First Lieutenant Raymond T. McHugh, 260th Infantry. BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster) to: Sergeant Joseph S. Lang, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion; Sergeant Emerson Liles, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. BRONZE STAR MEDAL to: Captain Harold G. Aaron, 259th Infantry; Technician Fifth Grade Preston R. Acree, 365th Medical Battalion; Technician Fifth Grade Robert S. Alexander, 260th Infantry; Staff Sergeant James D. Amos, 365th Medical Battalion; Staff Sergeant John L. Argabright, 720th Field Artillery Battalion; Technican Fifth Grade Roy M. Baker, 720th Field Artillery Battalion; Private First Class Clarence K. Brant, 259th Infantry; Major Fred L. Brundage, 260th Infantry; Private First Class Desmond Call, 720th Field Artillery Battalion; Private First Class Demo C. Christopoulos, 261st Infantry; First Lieutenant William H. Clark, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion; Staff Sergeant William G. Cooper, 259th Infantry; Private First Class Glen H. Ellis, 748th Tank Battalion; Corporal Lloyd

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FRATERNIZE RULING MUST CONTINUE–IKE

"I honestly believe that non-fraternization with German adults must continue until every force and root of Nazism is gotten out," Gen of the Army Eisenhower said, yesterday, in a New York interview.

"Sooner or later we have to find some answer through eduacation for we cannot build peace on hope," the General added.

During the interview the General repeatedly emphasized

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POLES CONFESS GERMAN TALKS

Say Negotiations Were Conducted For Sabotage

Two Polish leaders on trial in Moscow for sabotage against the Red Army, admitted, yesterday, according to a Soviet report, that they carried out acts of terrorism against the Russian forces and conducted negotiations with German and Hungarian commands with the view of joint sabotage efforts.

Moscow radio said the two men were Lt Col Felix Janson and Wladislaw Herman, who they said were leaders of the Polish underground in the Lwow district.

Both witnesses declared they were given instructions as to the operation of the Polish home army by General Bor (Kommorwski), commander of Polish forces abroad, and that they carried out acts of ter-

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FORTS IN NEW RAID ON HONSHU TARGETS

Secondary targets were again the major objective of more than 400 superfortresses, yesterday, in a firebomb raid on Honshu cities that saw, 3,000 tons of incendiaries shower down in what airmen called the "most successful raid yet".

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Italy Govt Set

Latest word from Rome says that Ferruccio Parri, northern Action party leader, has formed his new Italian government after a two-day delay in which cabinet positions were reshuffled so that there could be one member from the Christian Democratic party.

The cabinet appointments have yet to be announced but it is known that one new cabinet post has been created.

TROOPS RUN OFF MAPS ON LUZON

American forces in the Cagayan Valley ran right off their tactical maps, yesterday, according to a report from Gen of the Army MacArthur's headquarters, and and entered the important Jap base of Kiangan in the center of the valley.

The troops reached Kiangan

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SPLIT LAST POCKET IN TWO ON OKINAWA

The hold-out Jap pocket on southern Okinawa was split in half, yesterday, according toa report from the US 10th Army and the Japs are fighting with their backs to the sea as infantry and marine units are within 700 yards of the island's southern shore.

Many Japs, yesterday, threw themselves off the high cliffs of the island unto the rocks below but a large number also surrendered in the face of the ground troops frontal attack, intensive offshore shelling by warships and bombing raids.

Yesterday, also, Lt Gen Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. the 10th Army's commander who was killed in action, was buried in the 7th Division's cemetery. A large number of high ranking officers, including generals and admirals witnessed the ceremony. The grave was decorated with the General's three-star flag.

In a tribute to Buckner, Admiral of the Fleet Nimitz said "we all take pride in the victory for which he gallantly met a soldier's death. By the achievements of the 10th Army under his leadership, we will all gain new inspiration to overcome any and all obstacles standing between us and final victory over Japan.

Secretary of War Stimpson said "America has lost one of its most aggressive field commanders on the eve of complete victory".

Kyushu "Softened Up"

Enemy Home Guard Chief Says US Hit Island For 2 Reasons

Admitting that the Okinawa battle is lost, Gen Ioto, Jap home defense commander, in an address to the Jap people, last night, told the citizens of Kyushu, Japan's most southern isle, to "prepare for an Allied invasion in the near future and be ready to defend your homeland with all your resources and life itself, if necessary".

The General said the US reason for hitting Kyushu was to put Jap airfields out of operation so they would not hinder the Okinawa campaign, one other purpose, however, was "to soften the island for a full-scale landing", he added.

In the only direct reference to the Okinawa battle the General said "unfortunately Okinawa has passed the critical stage".

KING DEFEAT LAID TO SOLDIERS' VOTE

The resentment of the overseas Canadian soldiers at the method in which W. L. Mackenzie King's Liberal government handled the draft situation during the war against Ger-

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WENCHOW CAPTURED BY CHINESE TROOPS

Chinese forces have captured Wenchow one of the three largest ports of Chekiang province on the Chinese east coast, the Chinese High Command announced, yesterday.

The communique also reported Chinese in flight along the north bank of the Wu river with Chinese in pursuit.

With the capture of Wenchow the Chinese are within striking distance of the two ports of Hangsien, 160 miles to the northwest, and and Ningpo, 140 miles to the northeast which are connected with Wenchow by good motor highways.

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How To Make A Crematorium: Plans Show Mass Murder Was Carefully Planned By Nazis

by Sgt Bill Jordy

If you want to build a crematorium, the 65th Division G-2 Section can furnish you with a complete set of plans for a fiveoven building which was intended to speed-up Mauthausen's extermination program.

G-2 experts recently blew up a safe at the notorious Upper Austrian concentration camp, where, among other documents, the plans for the forthcoming construction were found.

Central Stack

The attractive, one-storied brick structure is built around a central smoke stack. Floor-plans show that a large blower would have carried heat from a single furnace located behind the smoke stack to the five ovens. These extend along a room which was to have had tiled walls and ceilings to facilitate cleaning. Rooms, similarly tiled, served as dissection rooms at one end of the long, gabled building; while a room for lime storage was included at the opposite end.

Only a small part of the ingeniously funtional structure would have been visible to the inmates, who could have watched the smoking chimney through a barbed wire enclosure which was to have separated their barracks from the death house. A considerable portion of the establishment was underground. Connected to the dissecting rooms by ramps, were a couple of commodious "Leichenkeller", or "storage cellars for corpses". One of them was to have been 100 feet long, the other almost 200 feet in length. Each would have been about 10 feet wide and 7½ feet high. The architect was not one to leave anything to chance, as his diagrams specify that the bodies shall be piled to a height of six feet.

As planned, human cordwood would leave the "Leichenkeller" to pass through double swinging doors which led up the ramp to the shiny dissecting room. Here Nazi butchers would remove gold fillings, and any other parts of the body which they cared to study in a "medical" laboratory which was located off the dissecting rooms. The worthless remnants were then trundled through a second double door to the ovens.

Standard Series

The plans were part of a standard series issued to those enterprising concentration camps which required expansion of existing facilities. A secret letter dated February 2, 1945 from an Obersturmfuehrer in Munich urged that the Mauthausen branch speed its construction. But Mauthausen authorities never found time to start the construction.

The safe also contained volumns of records which showed that Upper Austrian merchants did a tidy business at the very concentration camp about which they now know nothing. There were, finally, several albums of pastoral snapshots which some SS-er had taken while on furlough to his native Bavaria. These were very pretty.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chi 6,7 Det 1,5; NY 7,2 Phl 1,4
Bos 2,7 Wsh 1,1

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Det	29	20	.592	StL	24	24	.500
NY	28	22	.560	Wsh	22	26	.459
Bos	27	24	.529	Clv	21	26	.447
Chi	26	26	.500	Phl	20	29	.408

NATIONAL LEAGUE

StL 7,6 Pit 0,2; Chi 3 Cin 1
Brk 9 Bos 0; Phl 11,6 NY 7,2

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Brk	30	21	.588	Chi	26	22	.542
Pit	30	23	.566	Bos	25	25	.500
NY	30	23	.566	Cin	22	27	.449
StL	29	23	.558	Phl	14	42	.250

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MAKE NEW LANDING BELOW BRUNEI TOWN

Australian troops on western Borneo made a new landing, yesterday, 10 miles south of Brunei town and have already been reported to have pushed inland up to six miles.

The landing, which was carried out with the aid of naval guns and US Army bombers, met only slight enemy resistance.

Other Australian troops, north of this action have pushed within 25 miles of the oilfield center of Seria, according to a communique from Gen of the Army MacArthur, supreme commander of Pacific air and ground operations. As the Australians continued to advance, a Reuters report states that the Japs are setting fires to the wells in front of the Allied lines.

A report from General Mac Arthur, yesterday, said that the important airstrip on Labuan Island in Brunei Bay was now in operation.

261st RUNS BUSSES FROM ENNS TO LINZ

A coat of OD paint over some German buses has put the 261st into the transportation business.

Eight trips a day leave from various points in the 261st area to bring Regimental personnel into town for official business and for various Division SSO excursions. Two trips leave Linz daily for Enns at 1200 and 2000 from a corner near the Division CP.

Incoming trips are scheduled as follows: buses leave Carraway field at 0830 and 1730; leave 1st Bn Hq at 0905 and 1805; leave 3rd Bn Hq 0920 and 1820; leave "F" Co CP at 0920 and 1820. All buses arrive in Linz at 1030 and 1930 respectively.

King Defeat

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many, was given, yesterday, as the reason for the Canadian Prime Minister's defeat in the Canadian general elections in spite of the fact that his government gained a victory of 118 seats to the Progressive-Conservative's 67 and the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation's 29.

Mr. King was defeated by CCF candidate Bowerman after holding a close lead in the civilian ballots which were counted a week ahead of the soldiers' vote.

During the King Administration one of Canada's biggest problems were the "Zombies", drafted soldiers who did not want to go overseas and didn't have to go unless they volunteered.

Troops Run Off

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with only slight opposition after a major battle at Naguilian, 5 miles to the south. On the northern sector of the island, around the objective port of Aperri, Filipino guerrillas, yesterday, wrecked a Jap power plant, according to a BBC report and continued their attacks on the Jap garrisons.

The Philippine air battle, yesterday, saw more than 75 Minala-based planes strike again at Formosa and hit Jap shiping in the China Sea.

CLARK TO SEE BRAZIL

General Mark Clark, 15th Army Group Commander, has accepted an invitation to visit Brazil when the Brazilian expeditionary force returns from Europe, a Brazilian news broadcast said, yesterday.

The South American troops served under Clark in the Italian theater.

65th TAKES OVER HEALITH RESORT



This ain't the Army. S/Sgt Otis B. Boker of Ft. Worth, Texas washes the hair of his fellow Texan, S/Sgt Earl O. Blankinship, of Amarillo, in the sulphur bath between their two rooms at the Bad Schallerbach resort where the 65th DivArty Hq is now quartered. In spite of the baths and the fact that the sulphur springs flow a healthful 80 degrees, both Texans will gladly swap their present luxury for the sage.

259 GNOMES ADDING TO SPORT ACTIVITY

The busy little gnomes who have converted the 259th Boat & Athletic Club (formerly the Urfahr Boathouse) into the best equipped GI sports center in all Austria, are still improving the muscle-building department of the regiment.

Among the added features, are 2 new volley ball courts, making a total of 4 courts. Sport enthusiasts will also find 2 newly-built ping-pong tables inside the boathouse.

A new game, adapted from a form of sport originally engaged in by the American Indian, also has been added. The game, which the 259th Athletic Department simply calls "Swing Ball", is played by two men, and uses a large inflated rubber ball similar to a soccer ball, suspended from a 10-foot pole by a strong cord. The idea is to hit the ball to your opponent, who must in turn hit it to you, and so on, until one misses.

Swing Ball looks like kid stuff, but your reporter is ready to testify that a half hour of it will "poop" most GIs.

Fraternization

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that "in regard to long range policies in Germany I am an executor not a policy maker". He said we must get Germans to assume responsibility and we must first search for anti-Nazi Germans to undertake the direction of this responsibility. "Where there are no anti-Nazis", the General said, "we must get Germans who were, at least neutral."

Stating the Germany is facing a problem of real starvation, he said that the current prime objective is to get responsible Germans to leave cities and go to the country where they can plant crops.

The General declined to hazzard a guess as to how long the military occupation of Germany will last.

The New York harbor was so well mined by German U-boats on November 9, 1942, that the port was not used for three days, the US Navy revealed, yesterday.

Deat Guilty

Marcel Deat, ex-Vichy minister of Labor and former head of the Vichy Militia has been sentenced to death for collaboration with the enemy, a Paris radio report said, yesterday.

The sentence was pronounced by the French High Court of Justice after the traitor was tried in absentia. If found, Deat can be executed immediately without further formalities.

He was charged with acts prejudicial to the security of the state, of enlisting Frenchmen into the German army and of collaborating with the enemy.

Battlefield Awards

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J. Folse, 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion; Sergeant Francis J. Gaffney, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion; Technician Fourth Grade Henry F. Harris, 365th Medical Battalion; Technician Fifth Grade Arnold A. Hogrefe, 365th Medical Battalion; Technician Fourth Grade Ray E. Hood, 265th Engineer (C) Battalion; Staff Sergeant Joseph H. Horsman, 260th Infantry; Staff Sergeant Wilbur E. Hovi, 260th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Walter D. Johnson, 259th Infantry; Sergeant Leonard M. Lutjemeier, 365th Medical Battalion; First Lieutenant Richard L. Machelor, 260th Infantry; First Lieutenant Milton W. Meyer, 259th Infantry; Captain William K. Moors, 259th Infantry; First Lieutenant Saul C. Pearl, 260th Infantry; Technician Fifth Grade LeRoy L. Peterson, 260th Infantry; Private First Class John R. Pichurski, 259th Infantry; Staff Sergeant Albert M. Sovey, Jr., 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion; First Lieutenant Douglas W. Streuber, 365th Medicial Battalion; Master Sergeant Edwin E. Williams, 259th Infantry.

NORWEGIAN GOVT

Einar Gerhardson, the Mayor of Oslo and chairman of the powerful Norwegian Labor Party, began talks, yesterday, toward the forming of a new Norwegian government after a talk with King Haakon.

The Norwegian Chief Justice Berg had been unsuccessful in his attempt to form a government a week ago.

DIV TEAM BEATS 261 11 TO 0 IN WARM-UP FOR 11th ARMORED

Rex Barney Allows Three Hits And Fans Thirteen

All it took was the 65th Division baseball teams new blue and white uniforms to whip Rex Barney, Halbert pitcher, into his old Brooklyn Dodger form as the big righthander hurled a 3-hit, 11 to 0 win over the 261st Regt, yesterday afternoon, at Traun.

In chalking up the win Barney, who up until yesterday, had experienced more than his share of trouble in locating the plate, struck out 13 and gave no bases on balls.

Gilette had the unpleasant task of pitching for the 261st against the big-league stacked Division batting order and he made the task a lot more difficult for himself by giving 7 of the 65th ballplayers free tickets to first base.

The victors got off to an early start scoring two runs in the first frame and followed by three more in the second before Gilette hit his stride to hold them down until the fifth when another Halbert run crossed the platter. One more marker was scored in the sixth and the final four runs came in the final frame of the seven inning game.

Big stickers for the victors were George Archie, former Washington Senator who batted out a double as did Harry Walker, ex-Card, and Reid, 65th secondbaseman.

A truckload of 261st men found little to cheer about at the game but much to watch while a group from the 265th Engineers also were present.

The game served as a warm-up for the 65th nine's first regularly scheduled contest, a game with the 11th Armored Division this coming Saturday at Traun.

PLANES STRAFE JAP TROOPS ABOVE PEGU

Jap troop concentrations on the Rangoon—Mandalay railroad line, 10 miles south of Toungoo were attacked, yesterday, by Allied fighters and bombers and an enemy village 35 miles northwest of Pegu was strafed, a SEAC communique said, last night.

At Taikkyi, in Burma, an enemy attack on Allied positions was repulsed with more than 450 Japs killed, the communique added.

Air Battles

In other air battles an RAF Sunderland on armed reconnaisance in the gulf of Siam was reported, yesterday, to have sunk one barge and damaged five more, left a coastal vessel sinking and damaged two other vessels.

ONE HUNDRED 85ers TO BE FLOWN HOME

The first hundred discharge-bound GIs to fly to the States will leave the Division on June 27.

All those departing at this time, according to Division Classification Officer, Capt. Robert H. Farber, have between 98 and 104 points. However, he cautioned that not all those with 98 points will leave in this shipment, as the number of GIs having this score is slightly larger than the quota of 100 which has been alloted to the Division. There was no announcement as to which 98-pointers will go with this shipment, and which will wait for another quota.

When this latest quota leaves, 200 of the Division's highscorers will have been either discharged or discharge-bound. All those with scores of more than 104 left about three weeks ago in the first shipment.

Forts In New Raid

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Principle target for the giant bombers was Kanzawa, rubber and textile city, on the Jap west coast. The airmen say that fires are still burning in the city and that during the heat of the raid, flames shot up as high as 14,000 feet with a force so great that they bounced the heavy forts in their updraft.

More Coming

This is the second raid on secondary cities in the last three days and Gen of the Army Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, has predicted more, stating that Tokyo is now so far gone that it has been taken off the principle bombing list.

The flyers reported heavy flak on the mission but said that they saw very little of the Jap air force.

Leopold Plans

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the powerful Socialist, Communist and Liberal parties with the aid of the trade unions have scheduled a demonstration for this Saturday at which they will again demand that the King abdicate.

There is still a great threat of general strike in Belgium because of the King's decision, the Communist newspaper said, yesterday, but it added that the American and British governments have been assured that if there is a strike that it will in no way tie up the shipment of vital supplies through Belgium ports.

Wenchow Captured

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The success at Wenchow also places Chinese forces on the west flank of the shipping lane between Japan and Formosa. To the east 150 miles American forces on Okinawa have secured the east flank.

Chinese air force planes struck successfully at enemy transport along the Yangtze river in northern Kiangsi province, yesterday, the report concluded.

Poles Confess

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rorism against the Reds in accord with these orders.

Herman testified, according the Russian radio, that he commanded underground forces numbering 3,000 armed men to fight Russians.

A Soviet broadcast, late last night, quoted Jasiukowski, deputy to the chief delegate of the Polish Government in London, as saying that the London Government ordered the underground to continue in operation "in the event the provisional government was reorganized on the basis laid down by the Crimea conference.

LIBERAL PLATFORM

The British Liberal party issued an election manifesto, yesterday, that called for a drastic British swing to the left. Among the party's planks were: nationalization of the coal, rialroad and power industries; no tariffs; the state's right to take over badly managed farm lands or any other farm land for the "public good"; seperate homes for all families; and the use of taxes as a means of cutting profits and controling private business.