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## B-29'S CONTINUE ALMOST DAILY ASSAULTS ON JAP HOME ISLANDS

The Japanese homeland has been subjected to its fourth Superfortress attack this week and has been hit twice within 24 hours. The latest B-29 blow fell early Saturday morning on Japan's fourth largest oil refinery located on the southwestern tip of Honshu. About 50 of the giant bombers took part in the assault, flying in close formation and dropping an undisclosed tonnage of high explosive bombs. The refinery produces oil and aviation gasoline and is the eighth major fuel plant hit by the B-29's in the systematic destruction of Japan's war-making industries.

The refinery is situated just 140 miles northeast of the Japanese naval base at Sasebo which Saturday was still ablaze from Friday's Superfort attack. Sasebo and three other Jap homeland cities were hit Friday by almost 500 Superforts which dropped 3,000 tons of incendiary bombs. The three other cities, all medium-sized manufacturing centers, were Moji, Nobeoka and Okayama. The B-29 crews reported excellent results in the four-way operation from which one Superfort is reported missing.

On the eve of the inauguration of America's all-out air attack on the Jap homeland, Radio Tokio revealed that the Japanese have stepped up their program to remove home industries to Manchuria to get away from the terrible destruction of the B-29 attacks. The removal of these war industries to Manchuria to escape the B-29's is more important than dispersal through the home islands according to a Jap commentator. Other Jap broadcasts stated that U.S. air attacks were complicating the move by interfering with communications to the Asiatic mainland. Heavy bombers from Okinawa bases struck at the homeland, hitting the harbor area southeast of Tokio, while other Okinawa-based planes sank two Jap ships off Honshu and Shikoku. Bombers from the Philippines wrecked ten more Jap vessels including a transport, off Formosa.

## JAP VETERAN OF MUNOZ BATTLE GLAD HE SURRENDERED TO 6TH DIVISION

Waving an "I Cease Resistance" leaflet, a Japanese soldier once a member of the famed Geki force (Jap 2d Armored division) surrendered recently to 6th Infantry division forces fighting in northern Luzon. Upon learning that his unit was again fighting the 6th division which had practically destroyed the Geki force at Munoz in central Luzon early in February, the prisoner of war expressed thankfulness for his good fortune to have surrendered. "The remnants of my unit have no chance of survival now that they are meeting this strong American force," he told officers at division headquarters.

(Editor's note: In the bitter six-day battle at Munoz, which guards the important north-south highway town of San Jose, doughboys of the 6th division and attached armored units accounted for 1,247 Japs, 57 medium and light tanks and numerous other pieces of ordnance and equipment.)

Stating that the experience gained in fighting the Chinese was of no value when pitted against American troops, the POW went on to say that American observation planes and bombers were very much feared. "American bombardiers are very accurate and cause our resistance to disintegrate into a frenzied melee," the Jap said.

Other Japanese soldiers like himself, notwithstanding the fact that they had seen duty in China, were totally inexperienced in dealing with superior enemy air and fire power, he observed. "American white phosphorous shells are particularly terrifying, our men forget their weapons, their positions and their own safety to rush out and frantically shovel dirt on the burning fragments," the Jap observed. When under attack by our aircraft, the Japanese soldier said that the men disobeyed their officers, committed suicide and retreated in utter confusion.

After receiving medical attention and food, the POW wondered why he had not believed the surrender leaflets dropped on the straggling retreating remnants of his division after their encounter with the 6th division at Munoz. (Passed by GHQ and Base censors--suitable for mailing home.)

## YANKS LAND WITHOUT OPPOSITION ON SMALL ISLAND WEST OF OKINAWA

American troops have occupied without opposition the small island of Kume, 50 miles west of conquered Okinawa. Contrary to an earlier Tokio report that heavy fighting was in progress on the island, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz says American patrols covered the island without running into any Jap soldiers. The island is nine miles long and three miles wide and is only 345 miles from the home island of Kyushu.

Press dispatches say the newly-occupied island is well suited for airbase construction. Although the northern and southern part is mountainous, the center is flat. Kume is only 32 miles west of Koramas, the first of the Okinawa group invaded by the Americans. It is the 16th island in the Ryukyu chain to be occupied by American forces.

## TRUMAN HOPES TO DEVELOP LONG-RANGE, NON-PARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY

President Truman says he is trying to develop an American foreign policy under which both the Democratic and Republican parties may be able to unite. The President made his comments after conferences in Kansas City with Alf H. Landon, Republican candidate for president in 1936. Landon said the President is seeking to establish a foreign policy on a permanent basis regardless of any political party differences and any changes in administration over a long period of years. Landon said that he was in absolute agreement with the President and added that it is a very constructive and necessary thing to do in such a critical period of our history.

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS WORLD Baseball: Senators (Pieretti 9-4) 8, Tigers (Overmire 5-3) 3 - Mats' 15-hit attack cuts Detroit lead over idle Yanks to half-game; Cleveland fans saw husky Catcher Frank Hayes of the Indians, with the A's all of last season and part of this until traded for Buddy Rosar, set a new major league consecutive game record for catchers when he caught his 218th straight contest Friday. Ray Mueller of the Reds held the old mark at 217 but was called by the Army at the end of last season. To make the day complete the Indians beat the A's 4-2 to sweep the three-game series and give the A's ten straight losses. Dave Ferriss (11-2) pitched and batted the Red Sox to a 4-2 triumph over the White Sox when he swatted a two-run homer in the 9th; New York-St. Louis not scheduled... NL: Cards (Barrett 8-6) 9, Phils (Scott 0-2) 1 - Philly Manager Freddie Fitzsimmons resigned following the game. Herb Pennock, Philly general manager, said Fitz's decision to quit was a voluntary one and that he had not chosen a successor; Dodgers (Baker) 5, Cubs (Chipman 2-5) 4; Cubs (Vandenburg 2-1) 3, Dodgers (V. Lombardi 5-3) 1; Reds (Walters 5-7) 4, Braves (Andrews 4-5) 1; Giants (Adams 5-5) 3, Pirates (Butcher 6-5) 2... Minors: IL: Montreal 7-3, J City 1-0; Balt 3-2, Toronto 2-3; Newark 7, Buffalo 2; Syracuse 3, Roch 1... AA: Milwaukee 4, Indpls 2; St. Paul 3, Columbus 3; K City 7, L'ville 5; Hpls 20, Toledo 3... SA: Atlanta 6-2, Chatt 1-1; Nashville 9, Birmingham 5... PCL: S Diego 2-0, Seattle 1-5; Frisco 2, LA 1; Portland 3, Sacs 1; Oakland 13, Hollywood 2... EL: Albany 2-1, Hartford 0-2; Utica 11, Bing. 4... Thumbs Up is the favorite to cop the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

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In the Philippines American and Filipino troops are further compressing the Japanese remnants isolated in the mountains west of the Cagayan valley in northern Luzon. Troops of the 6th division gained about a mile in their advance on the Japs' mountain base at Kiangon and are now battling near a town four miles from the enemy base... In Detroit the Ford Motor Co. showed the 1946 models of the Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars to a delegation of 32 governors on their way to the Governors' conference at Mackinac. The cars looked much like the '42 models with new front-end designs... Gen. Jacob L. Devers has replaced Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as commander of the Army Ground forces... The Chinese have captured the main Liuchow airfield and a railway station.