

Churchill Pledges Aid to Crush Japs

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500 SUPERFORTS BLAST JAPAN

ASSIES CAPTURE WEWAK

Important Air Center Falls

'Down Under' Forces Score Major Victory as Mindanao Yanks Gain

MANILA, May 14. (AP)—Japan's vast Del Monte air center on Northern Mindanao fell to elements of the U.S. 40th Infantry Division without serious opposition Saturday, but in the Davao sector the 24th Division was fighting one of the bitterest battles of the Philippines campaign.

Australians, meanwhile, captured long-defended Wewak on New Guinea in a major triumph. Seizure of Wewak was the first important victory of the Australian troops who last January took over the job of clearing the so-called "rear areas" of Japs.

Truman Leads Nation in VE Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON, May 13. (AP)—President Truman led the nation in humble thanks today for European victory and joined in solemn prayers for world-wide peace.

Planes and Ships Help

The landing was supported by Australian and American planes, the British cruiser Newfoundland, the Australian cruiser Hobart and five Australian destroyers.

West of the captured Davao City, on Southwestern Mindanao, the Japanese added rockets to their machine-gun, mortar and artillery defenses as intensity of the fight mounted.

Bridghead Widened

A battalion of the 24th Division, isolated on Wednesday by a Jap counterattack, linked up with the Yank elements Friday when the American bridgehead at the Talomo River was widened.

MOTHERS DAY MARKED BY SERVICES IN TRIBUTE

Gold Star Mothers whose sons have fallen on fields of battle during World War I or II sat silently in the slow drizzle yesterday morning and listened patiently to the strains of "The Wonderful Mother of Mine" played on a harp. It was the opening of their 10th annual Mother's Day service in the secluded Mystery of Life Garden atop a high hill in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

6,200,000 Jewish Deaths Laid to Nazis

Welfare Group Says One 'Mein Kampf' Plan Carried Out

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BERN, May 13.—At least one point in Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" program has been carried out thoroughly—the bestial extermination of European Jews.

Millions Imprisoned

First came the period of "extermination" proper from the time of the declaration of war on Russia until the end of 1942. Millions of Jews were taken to the camps at Auschwitz, Maidanek and Tremblinka, which boasted the most modern gas execution chambers and crematories. The S.S. hordes invading Russia were simultaneously instructed to shoot all Russian Jews wherever they were encountered.

Frail Executed

The slavery of the able-bodied and the execution of the frail continued until the beginning of 1944, by which time the Nazis had reached the saturation point of their cruelty. More than 5,000,000 Jews had been liquidated and the remainder, as Moscovitz was no longer regarded as a "problem," as Hitler saw it.

Deal With Gestapo

Becher was sent to Budapest to detect everything in Hungary which might be useful to German economy. He bargained with the Gestapo, against money or jewels and promises of more money and jewels.

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JAP PLANE PLUNGES IN FLAMES—Set ablaze by anti-aircraft fire from a U.S. Essex-class carrier, a Jap bomber leaves a trail of smoke and flames as it plunges off Kyushu. An low-class battleship, right, and destroyer are shown at bottom.

Himmler Still Thought Missing

LONDON, May 13. (AP)—Heinrich Himmler, No. 1 of surviving Nazi war criminals, was reported still at large under mysterious circumstances tonight, as Moscow called for the immediate trial and execution of all leading Nazis, including Grand-Adm. Karl Doenitz.

Hide-out Not Taken

Wilmutt emphasized that Himmler had not yet been arrested either by the Doenitz government which sacked him, or by the Allies to whom that government surrendered.

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Marines Fight Way Into Naha, Okinawa Capital

GUAM, May 14. (AP)—U.S. marines, amid intense artillery and mortar fire, reached the edge of Naha's business district yesterday but still had to cross the Asato River before conquest of the bomb-wrecked Okinawa capital can be claimed.

Jap School Children Ordered to Fight Yanks

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13. (AP)—Tokyo radio revealed today that even Japanese school children "with hand grenades in their little hands" were called out to form a "death assault" against American forces invading the Kerama Islands, near Okinawa in the Ryukyus.

Canada Lifts Curb on U.S. Money Use

OTTAWA, May 13. (AP)—The Foreign Exchange Board lifted restrictions tonight on the use of United States funds by Canadians making pleasure trips across the border to the United States, the board said, will be able to obtain "any reasonable amount" of U.S. funds for actual travel and expenses.

War Industry Area Blasted

B-29 Attack Drops 3500 Tons of Fire Bombs on Nagoya Plants

GUAM, May 14. (AP)—A fleet of more than 500 Superfortresses dumped 3500 tons of fire bombs in daylight today on the teeming industrial section of Nagoya, Japan's third largest city, in the largest B-29 raid of the war.

Twice before Nagoya, with a population of about 1,500,000, has been subjected to Superfortress fire attacks. A spokesman for the 21st Bomber Command expressed the hope that today's attack will prove a devastating blow to war industry there.

Pledge Against Japan Voiced by Churchill

LONDON, May 13. (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill tonight called for action to make certain that the United Nations world organization "does not become an idle name," and placed Great Britain's shoulder to shoulder with the United States in the war against Japan.

Britons Warned

Churchill's 35-minute address to the empire, broadcast worldwide, lauded "the immense superiority of the power used by the United States" in the defeat of Germany and paid tribute to Gen. Eisenhower's leadership.

Engine Plant Hit

The last B-29 raid on Nagoya was March 30 when a small force of Superfortresses hit the Mitsubishi engine plant against light opposition. On March 18 and 19 Superfortresses destroyed three square miles of Nagoya.

ICKES HITS ATTACKS ON JAPS IN CALIFORNIA

WASHINGTON, May 12. (AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes tonight denounced "planned terrorism by hoodlums" against persons of Japanese descent in rural California, declaring that 15 shooting attacks had brought no suspects to trial.