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BASES HIT JAP HOMELAND, SAYS TOKYO

GUAM. - American warplanes from three most advanced striking bases - Okinawa, Iwo Jima and the Marianas - were attacking Japan Mainland targets Saturday, radio Tokyo reported. The strafing, bombing and rocket firing raids, centered on air fields near Tokyo and in Southwestern Japan around Fukuoka, followed Friday's attack by 450 B29s on the Kure Naval Arsenal and five aircraft factories. Tokyo's unconfirmed broadcasts (which usually prove accurate as to times and places of raids) said more than 100 Mustang, Lightning and Hellcat fighter planes and 300 B29s made up Saturday's striking forces.

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YANK INFANTRYMEN RECOVER HUGE CACHE
OF MISSING ROYAL HUNGARIAN TREASURE

ROSENHEIM, Germany. - A cache of Royal Hungarian treasures valued by American Authorities at \$75,000,000 has been uncovered by U.S. 42nd Division Infantrymen at Mattsee, thirteen miles northeast of the Austrian city of Salzburg. The cache included gold, silver, jewels and what officials said was the diamond, ruby and pearl studded holy wand of St. Stephen, king of Hungary from 997 to 1038 A.D. Six leather bags, belonging to the former puppet Premier of Hungary were found hidden with gold, silver, diamonds, other jewels and tapestries, and one strongbox containing the Franz Joseph Royal Hungarian Crown silver, officials said. An infantry patrol of the 42nd Division gathered in a score of collaborators.

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AMERICAN BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS STRIKE
JAPS ALONG A 1350-MILE FRONT IN CHINA

CHUNGKING. - Ranging over a vast 1350-mile front in China, American bombers and fighters Friday blasted Japanese strongholds from Indo-China to the Manchurian frontier while Chinese forces routed 2,000 enemy troops in Southwestern Honan Province, U.S. and Chinese communiques said today.

LAST LARGE JAP FORCE IN PHILIPPINES
TRAPPED AT 1941 LUZON INVASION SITE

MANILA. (Sunday) American troops and Filipino Guerillas Saturday closed in on Japs of the largest remaining enemy force in the Philippines, an estimated 20,000 men trapped south of Aparri on Luzon, the first spot invaded by the Nipponese in 1941. The re-capture of part of Aparri, announced by General MacArthur in his Saturday communique cut off the Japanese troops.

The Japanese made their initial landings in the Philippines at Aparri on the Northern Coast of Luzon December 10, 1941 in their all-conquering southward surge. At the southern end of the Philippines U.S. Eighth Army troops seized the Mount Amoy middle sector in the Davao Area of Mindanao.

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GEN. EISENHOWER HOLDING QUIET REUNION
WITH FAMILY GROUP IN KANSAS HOMETOWN

ABILENE, Kan. - General Eisenhower is still in town but his fellow townsmen are pretending that he isn't in consideration of his wishes to spend a quiet day with his family. This morning the General, with his wife and son, John, and all of the Eisenhower family circle were continuing their private reunion at the old Eisenhower residence in South Abilene. The area around the home has been blockaded by a cordon of Military Police. Several of the Eisenhower's were cranking out a batch of home made ice cream on the back porch. No official announcement has been made regarding the General's departure but it is understood he plans to leave today for Washington where he has an appointment early in the week before going on vacation.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the paper shortage, the number of copies of the ERNST ENQUIRER issued daily while the ship is underway, is limited to one copy per seven persons on board. SO PLEASE PASS THIS COPY ALONG TO SOMEONE ELSE WHEN YOU HAVE READ IT.

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN WORKING ON PLANS FOR JULY BIG THREE MEET

OLYMPIA, WASH: -- President Truman worked Saturday on plans for his forthcoming Big Three meeting, devoting much of his time to a review of last minute reports from all over the world. Except for his usual before-breakfast walk on the capitol grounds, the President remained most of the day at his desk in the Executive Mansion. White House press Secretary Koss told reporters the President " . . . is always thinking about the Big Three meeting", which will be held near Berlin in mid-July. Meanwhile, Mr. Truman was reported to have counted less than twelve potential votes against the post-war peace organization charter he is expected to submit to the Senate for ratification Monday, July 2nd. The President is keeping in daily touch with developments on the Pacific battlefronts, following the progress of the forces on maps brought here from Washington.

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PREDICT U.S. AND BRITAIN WILL ABANDON LONDON POLES FOR NEW GROUP

LONDON: -- Moscow and London predicted Saturday night that the United States and Britain would abandon the London Poles and recognize the new "Provisional Polish Government of National Unity" probably within a matter of days. Moscow dispatches said that the new government formed in Moscow Friday soon would leave for Warsaw where the exact composition of the cabinet was expected to be announced next week.

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ALL-INDIA PARTY MEMBER SAYS BRITISH PLAN NEGLECTS THIRD OF INDIA

BOMBAY: -- Hite Ramayya member of the All-India Congress Party Working Committee said Saturday that British proposals for an interim Indian government "neglect one-third of the area of India and one-fourth of India's population."

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MAJORITY OF SENATE READY TO APPROVE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER

WASHINGTON: -- A majority of the Senate is ready to approve the United Nations charter. Indications are clear that ratification commands the support of far more than the two-thirds required for approval. An Associated poll reaching seventy-three of the ninety-six members Saturday found none declaring outright opposition. Fifty said they would vote aye "barring unforeseen developments." Five said they probably would vote aye. Eighteen were not ready to commit themselves.

ON THE HOME FRONT

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MAY BECOME FOOD CZAR IN HOUSE ACTION

WASHINGTON D.C.- The House voted in effect Saturday to make the Secretary of Agriculture a food czar. As republicans chanted "We want food". The House tentatively adopted an amendment to the Price Control Extension Act giving the Secretary supreme authority over any government order affecting agricultural products. The amendment, by Republican Anderson, provides that no order concerning the allocation or distribution of agriculture products can become operative unless approved in writing by the Secretary of Agriculture within ninety days of its issuance. The vote was 154 to 146.

THIRTEEN GOVERNORS ASK OVERHAUL OF RATION SYSTEM TO DEFEAT BLACK MARKET

NEW YORK: Thirteen governors declaring the nation faces a breakdown of rationing and price control because of the black market, recommended Saturday a major overhauling of the ration point system including use of red points for meat only. The state executives concluding a conference on food problems, said in a seven page statement that the ration program was faulty and asked for a rigid enforcement on a national basis of rationing regulations. Governors Thomas Dewey of New York and Raymond Baldwin of Connecticut sponsored the legislation. Other states represented were Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

DETROIT DEMONSTRATION DEMANDS FOOD INSTEAD OF "OPA BALONEY"

DETROIT: A long line of men and women carrying placards with such legends as "All we get is OPA baloney" and "We want food" marched on the city hall and OPA offices Saturday to protest Detroit's meat shortage. The marchers, numbering some fifty and representing locals of the United Automobile Workers, stopped first at the city hall and from there continued on to the nearby OPA headquarters.

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI: Governor Harry F. Kelly of Michigan is due for a little lecture on Missouri developments when Governor Donnelly arrives at the annual Governors Conference at Mackinac July first. The Missouri Governors invitation for dinner and tea at Governor Kelly's residence was addressed to "The capitol at St. Charles, Missouri". The Missouri State Legislature hasn't met there since 1825.

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NEW YORK: A furniture dealer offered a war bond to the Canyon County couple with the most relatives in the armed services. Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Hunter won with 207—none farther removed than nephews or first cousins.

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BASEBALL STANDINGS

American League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Detroit	32	22	.592	-
New York	30	23	.566	1½
Boston	29	25	.537	3
Chicago	30	27	.526	3½
St. Louis	25	26	.490	5½
Washington	25	27	.481	6
Cleveland	22	30	.423	9
Philadelphia	20	33	.377	11½

Results:

(Friday Night Games)

Chicago 000 001 000 - 1 3 0
Cleveland 001 100 00X - 2 8 0

Lee and Tresh; Reynolds and Hayes

2nd Game

Chicago 010 000 101 - 3 5 0
Cleveland 000 000 000 - 0 6 0

Grove and Trews; Klieman, Center and Hayes.

Detroit 002 100 100 - 4 11 1
St. Louis 001 040 21X - 8 9 0

Grant, Wilson, Farrell, Eaton and Swift;
Wakucki and Mancuso.

(Saturday Games)

Philadelphia 000 200 112 - 6 8 1
New York 002 100 031 - 7 14 2

Knerr, Berry, Gerkin and George;
Page and Garbark.

Washington 100 201 200 - 6 10 2
Boston 010 004 000 - 5 12 1

Wolfe, Leonard and Ferrell;
Wilson, Ruba, Barrett and Walters

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HOMERUN HITTERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Ross (Chi) 6th inning of
Friday night's game with none on.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: R. Adams (St.L.) 4th inn-
ing of Saturday's game with none on.

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NEW YORK. - Jim Rafferty, undefeated miler of last winter's indoor season was favored for the Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. Track and Field Championships and Randall's Island this week-end.

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Brooklyn	35	21	.625	-
St. Louis	31	24	.564	3½
Pittsburgh	31	25	.553	4
Chicago	28	23	.549	4½
New York	31	27	.534	5
Boston	27	26	.509	6½
Cincinnati	23	29	.442	10
Philadelphia	15	46	.246	22½

Results:

(Friday Night Games)

Boston 000 301 003 - 7 11 1
Brooklyn 210 040 001 - 8 11 0

Cooper, Pyle, Hutchings, Fette, Early
and Masi; Gregg, King, Seats and Pea-
cock.

1st Game

New York 010 000 101 - 3 13 1
Philadelphia 000 000 000 - 0 2 0
Mungo and Lombardi; Scott, Coffman,
Judd and Mancuso, Seminick.

2nd Game

New York 011 010 001 - 4 12 2
Philadelphia 110 030 00X - 5 12 0
Feldman, Fisher, Ferrell and Kluttz;
Sproull, Judd and Seminick.

Pittsburgh 000 200 001 - 3 10 0
Cincinnati 000 000 100 - 1 7 1
Strincevich and Lopez; Neusher and
Unser.

(Saturday Games)

New York 100 122 002 00-8 16 0
Philadelphia 600 020 000 01-9 12 2
Voiselle, Bain, Harrell, Adams and
Kluttz; Lee, Karl, Judd, Coffman and
Mancuso, Seminick.

St. Louis 000 230 100 - 6 10 0
Chicago 003 000 010 - 4 11 1
Brecheen, Dockins and O'Dea; Vanden-
berg, Erickson, Signer, Warneke and
Williams.

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Local AFFAIRS

This section is for Passenger News, special service activities and a daily resume of a troop unit's history. Watch for your unit's story. And pass your copy around.

PASSENGER ROSTER

23rd Headquarters, Special Troops
656th Tank Destroyer Battalion
724th Engineer Base Depot Company
372nd Engineers
1673rd Engineer Utilities Company
84th Chemical Mortar (adv. det.)
431st Cavalry Recon Squadron (adv. det.)
PW's (liberated Yank PW's)
Army Transport Service --- group
and, exactly two (2) Red Cross Girls

MEET YOUR SHIP . . .

The USS GENERAL O. H. ERNST (AP-133) is 522 feet long, which makes it 30 feet taller than the Louisiana State Capitol, if it were standing on end -- and don't think it doesn't in a storm. It is 71 feet wide and displaces about 15,600 tons. Many believe General Ernst must have been a Marine general in that the ship belongs to the Navy. This is not true. General Ernst was in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and helped build the Panama Canal. His name was given to the fourth ship of Henry Kaiser's "General" class on July 15, 1944. Since that date the good ship has sailed four times into the Pacific, carrying all types of passengers: marines, sailors, USO shows, 10th Army troops, Jap PW's and survivors of the USS Princeton. It has touched at Hawaii, Guadalcanal, New Guinea and Leyte, but has never been under fire. On this, its maiden voyage in the Atlantic, the GENERAL is carrying approximately 3200 tourists from the ETO, two charming Red Cross girls and a female dog called "Umbriago", who by next Monday should be barking up a tree in Norfolk, Virginia.

EVERY NIGHT FILLED IN PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENT

A full schedule, featuring two, bands, soloists, dozens of quartets, a Carnival & County Fair, a Quiz show and some surprise acts make up the menu for the current all-expense cruise to the land of ice cream sodas. Movies, too, will be added topside as soon as we get to a part of the world where nighttime comes at a decent and respectable hour.

Meanwhile, Monday starts with a wide-open amateur show, along with the finals of the Barber-shop Quartet competition. Tuesday highlights a Revue with musical acts and odd skits. Wednesday is set for a County Fair, with Horse Racing, Wheel of Fortune, Lotterie Nationale, an Auction, the good old Shell Game and seven other ways to make a million. Thursday will bring more tenors, baritones and assorted screwballs to the microphone in a sparkling revue. Friday is the date for the smart fast-moving wit of the Sea Fox Quiz Program. And Saturday will bring the brilliant wind-up of the Revue talent.

If you know anybody, including yourself, who can do an interesting skit, play an instrument, or otherwise help entertain three or four thousand people, just boot him down to the Chaplain's office or the Library at 0930 tomorrow morning.

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NOTE: This story concerns the lads aboard ship who wear the yellow-and-black patch with a panther chewing up a tank. They also comprise most of the guard detail.

656th "DEVILFISH" T.D.'s
WERE 1st ACROSS RHINE

Preceded only by a few scattered units of infantry and engineers, "C" Co of the 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion rumbled across the famous Remagen bridge -- first of any T.D. outfit to touch German soil east of the Rhine. The crossing was hazardous, of course, but the outstanding thing in the memories of these boys who did the job was the M-18 vehicle which became stuck in a weak portion of the bridge, was ordered abandoned, and finally saved by the plucky work of the men under Sgt. Stanley Miller. These boys refused to give up their ship, stuck to their lady and finally pulled her thru.

The entire unit, commanded by Lt. Col. John C. Meador, reached the ETO in December of last year, joined the hard-hitting 9th Armored Division of the 1st Army, and spear-headed that outfit's sweep thru the Ruhr and across Germany to a point just northeast of Leipsic. Part of the 656th went on due east from the Ruhr, practically to the Elbe, where it was relieved by elements of the 69th Division, the latter going on to meet the Russians and make the front page headlines.

It is possible that the 656th holds some sort of a record, with 25 awards for gallantry or heroism over a period of approximately three months, almost 10 each month.

Most of the men interviewed seemed to be just crazy about their pulling 57% of the overhead on the GENERAL O. H. ERNST. One or two more per cent and they'll really blow their turrets.

WIDE-OPEN AMATEUR SHOW

TOMORROW AT 1400 . . .

Monday afternoon at 1400, top-side, Hatch #6, the ship's microphone and stage will be open to all amateur talent. A breezy competition is scheduled, with the finals being broadcast thru the evening program. . . Each unit aboard is eligible to enter as many acts, specialties or Barbershop Quartets as can be dragged to the mike. Remember, it's Hatch #6, 1400, tomorrow, Monday.

Library Hours:

0830-1130 - Troop Enlisted Men
1400-1600 - Troop Officers
1800-2115 - Ship's Crew

During Wednesday's County Fair, Sgt Elfner, 372 Engr, expert auctioneer, will handle a motley collection of goods, souvenirs, gadgets, etc....Bring anything you want to sell, except GI objects and PX tobacco. Come up early, 'specially if you need dough -- or if you like bargains.