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Fire comes to the Land of the Rising Sun on silver wings.

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# 500,000 Fire Bombs Sear Nagoya

## Today is B-Day—Buy That Extra Bond and Lick Japan

**SEVENTH LOAN DRIVE OPENED AT CITY RALLY**  
Judge Swanson Talks To Merchants' Egress  
Additional Campaign

**DIFFICULTIES OF MINISTRY TOLD BY DR. AUBREY**  
Warns Center Class Of Disaffection At 7th. Roundtable

**AREA DEFENSE SYSTEM IRKS WORLD PARLEY**  
Ladies Charged With Endangering Organization At The Birth

**Seven War Crime Counts Lodged Against Indicted Himmler; Ranks 1 on List**  
London, (AP)—The United Nations War Crimes Commission has indicted Gerhard Chief Heinrich Himmler and thirteen of his senior associates in the notorious massacre of Lidice and the Jewish extermination program. It was learned today that the British representatives have lodged charges against Himmler, who headed the Reich's security apparatus, for the execution of 1,500 Czechs in Lidice, and for the murder of 1,500 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto. The charges against Himmler include the murder of 1,500 Czechs in Lidice, and the murder of 1,500 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto.

**HEAVIEST B-29 ARMADA BLASTS JAP PLANE AREA**  
Explosions Fall At 40-Tons A Minute, Bomber Two Hours

**Survey of City Reveals Acute Shortage of Meat**  
By BRUCE WATKINS

**YOUTH REPORTED MISSING, DIES FROM WOUNDS**

**CHESTER FLIES IN ANNUAL PARADE THROUGH CITY**

**AUSTRIA, FREE, REINSTATES OLD CONSTITUTION**

**RED 'ARBITRARY' LINE TOWARD BRITAIN RAPPEL**

**Three Women Win Prizes In Times Tipster Contest**

**Today's Honor Roll**

**City Offers V-E Prayers At PMC Stadium Service**

**How It Looks To Us**  
The War—Over half a million fire bombs have been dropped on Nagoya. Another 500,000 are on their way. It is the heaviest raid of the Pacific War. How many of the city are still standing and their water supply is under heavy attack in the enemy homeland. Thousands of Americans, British troops and flying squadrons are en route to Nagoya. Full of hope, the city will be a scene of American, British and Japanese troops. The city will be a scene of American, British and Japanese troops.

**Next Sub-May Move By City**

**Checkable News**

EUROPE

Gestapo Chief Henrich Himmler was indicted on seven war crime counts in the notorious massacre at Lidice and the Jewish extermination program. At least five Allied governments had lodged charges against the bespectacled former school teacher who had risen to become Nazidom's chief hangman. The Allied War Crimes Commission had opened an investigation of charges that German doctors and scientists had killed thousands of slave laborers and political prisoners in "human guinea Pig" experiments.

The major Allied powers had reached general agreement on military control of Germany, but the question of specific occupation zones had not yet been settled, according to Prime Minister Churchill. He intimated that the

Allies would make every effort to avoid a “soft” attitude toward the defeated Nazis; captured enemy leaders would be prevented from holding indiscriminate press conferences.

## PACIFIC/ASIA

On 14 May more than 500 Superfortresses blasted nine square miles of Nagoya with 3,500 tons of bombs in the heaviest and most concentrated fire raid ever made. The armada deluged the main aircraft manufacturing center and third largest city with more than a half million fire bombs at the rate of 40 tons a minute for nearly an hour and a half. On 17 May came a second 500-plane assault by B-29s on Nagoya, crashing 575,000 fire bombs into sixteen more square miles of the city. At the end of the week it was the turn of the war production center of Hamamatsu, 60 miles south of Nagoya with at least 2,100 tons of bombs during the noon rush hour.

Tenth Army troops began to outflank the Okinawan Japanese strongholds of Naha and Shuri on the south end of the island with the capture of a key hill near the east coast. Overrun in the advance was Yonabaru Airfield, the fourth of five airfields to be captured by the Americans. Marines of the Sixth Division were reported blasting deeper into the northern outskirts of the capital of Naha with grenades, flame-throwers and machine guns, but a security blackout cloaked details of their progress. The rubble of the city was alive with snipers and machine gun nests. Equally bloody fighting was underway for Shuri and Yonabaru. On 16 May came a report that Naha had fallen, but an artillery duel had flared along the battle line as Army forces fought into the three wrecked bastion towns.

British warships had penetrated the Malacca Strait northwest of Singapore, the first time the Allies had reached that area in three years. They had sunk a Japanese eight-inch cruiser of 10,000 tons. Japan had four of such ships, each of which carried a complement of 692 officers and men.

## HOME FRONT

Chester’s seventh War Loan drive was launched by the Merchant’s Committee with a rousing rally in the Stanley Theater. Singing and dancing stars of the Broadway hit “Oklahoma” topped off the rally with bits from the show.

A growing outspoken criticism of Russian political positions developed in the UK along with a demand that British policy must not be based on placating Russia at all cost. The situation which had developed already was being called an “uneasy peace.”

A Nazi U-Boat that had sunk 16 ships surrendered to the US Navy at Cape May, NJ. The ship lay stripped of its fighting power, its once proud swastika removed and the Stars and Stripes flying over its conning tower. The first submarine to be captured in American waters, it was picked up by US Naval units 300 miles south of Newfoundland and was escorted to Cape May.

Many Chester and Delaware County families appeared to be in for a meatless weekend as butcher shops throughout the area reported the lowest stocks, in any, since the start of the war. Crows of shoppers jammed at the doors of many meat markets in the hope of getting whatever meat was available. The War Mobilizer moved to carry out a three point program designed to relieve and eventually end the drastic shortage.

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