

WEEKLY WAR NEWS.**AMERICAN POLICY UNCHANGED.**

President Truman, who has become President of the U.S.A. following the sudden death of President Roosevelt, has stated there will be no change in America's policy towards the prosecution of the war and that there will be no change in the nation's foreign policy.

WAR ON JAPAN INCREASED.

Stepping up the war on the Japanese mainland, on April 14th and 15th, a record number of about 400 Super-Fortresses carried out heavy raids on the Itabashi arsenal, chemical and explosive plants in Tokyo. Many thousands of tons of incendiaries were dropped.

Allied aircraft continue to strike at Formosa and other islands near the Japanese homeland. British carrier planes struck severely at airfields and installations at Shozan and Shinchiku without opposition.

The Japanese have lost more than 1000 planes in attacks in their unsuccessful attempts to sink or damage Allied warships off Okinawa.

OKINAWA FIGHTING SLACKENS.

U.S. marines advancing north up the east and west coasts of Okinawa are meeting negligible resistance. They are all set for the great assault on Naha. They are near Momobaru, on the west side, and Arakawa, on the east. Most of Motobu Peninsula is now in U.S. hands, although small enemy pockets are still resisting.

Americans have captured two small islands in one of the swiftest and least costly operations of the Philippines campaign. They were Rapu and Batan Islands, in Albay Gulf.

GERMAN COLLAPSE NEAR.

News reaching the Allies indicates that the complete collapse of Germany is very near. Although German resistance is stiffening to American and British drives on Berlin, Leipzig and Hamburg, the Allies have penetrated so deeply into central Germany, they are less than 80 km. from Berlin, 64 km. from Dresden, and are about to join hands with the Russians, who are 60 km. away from Berlin.

RUSSIAN GAINS IN AUSTRIA.

Battering their way through Austria, the Russians are now approaching Linz, a key centre in Upper Austria, 48 km. from the Bavarian frontier. Other forces advancing north of Vienna have captured a number of towns, 64 km. north-east of the Austrian capital.

TARGET: Japanese troops—general.

DISTRIBUTION: Two weeks after receipt.

戦況週報

四月十六日

米國の政策は變りず

四月十二日ルーズベルト氏薨去に伴ふ副

大統領ツルーマン氏の就任は同時に同氏より米國の戦争繼續及外交政策には何等の變更なき旨の宣言を見た。

東京周辺軍需工場益々猛爆を受く

四月十四及十五日ビロイ

四百機は板橋火藥廠を始め其他軍需工業地帯に焼夷彈數百噸を投下、又台湾沖繩諸島に對しても英艦載機は其爆轟を續行、松山及新竹飛行場猛攻の際の如き何等日本側の抵抗に相遇せず、又沖繩周辺艦船に對する航空作戰に於て日本側は徒に壱千餘機の航空機を失つた。

沖繩本島の抵抗弱まる

沖繩本島北上海兵部隊は西岸に於ては

百々原東岸に於ては荒川に迫り本部半島の大半を其手中に收めて那覇攻略の用意成り、日軍の抵抗は部分的のものと化した。又フリッツピンでは米軍は殆んど無血で迅速果敢にアルバイ灣のラックー及バタンの二島を占領した。

ナチドイツは今や崩壊一步まへ

ライプチヒ、ハンブルグ及び

ルリシ正面ではナチ軍の抵抗は昨今稍々強まつては來たが聯合軍は深く中央ドイツに喰入り且ベルリンへは八十料(ロシア軍は六十料)ドレスデンへは六四料に迫りロシア軍との握手成らんとして居る。

ロシア軍オーストリアに入る

四月始めロシア軍はオーストリアの

首都ウィーンを占領、それより一軍は六四料北に進進、又一軍はドイツ國境より四八料の重要都市リンツに迫らんとして居る