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The Navy disclosed that in January United States forces had occupied Amchitka (1) and established an airdrome only seventy-two miles from Japanese-occupied Kiska. Adak to the east also was occupied. Six more air attacks on Kiska

and four on Attu (2) were reported. The seizure of Amchitka gives us an air base only about 800 miles from the enemy naval station at Paramishu in the Kuriles (3) and some 1,700 miles from Tokyo (4).

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