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## A. F. L. WELDERS BEAT SHIPYARD PICKETS

### STEPS TAKEN IN SEATTLE ARE CALLED INADEQUATE

City Must Spend Thousands of Dollars, Train More Wardens and Fire Fighters, Maj. Osborne Warns

Seattle's civilian-defense organization, which has been called the "best in the United States," in reality is woefully unprepared to cope with aerial bombing, Maj. H. F. Osborne, assistant regional director of the Office of Civilian Defense, indicated today.

Warning against the complacency with which Seattle citizens have come to regard the city's position as a prime target area, Major Osborne said the city must prepare to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and tens of thousands of man-hours of training before the present organization will be ready to protect lives and property.

Major Osborne, an officer "loaned" by the IX Army Corps to the Office of Civilian Defense, complimented Seattle defense officials for accomplishing as much as they have with so little expenditure of money and training, but he said Seattle is far behind San Francisco in defense preparations.

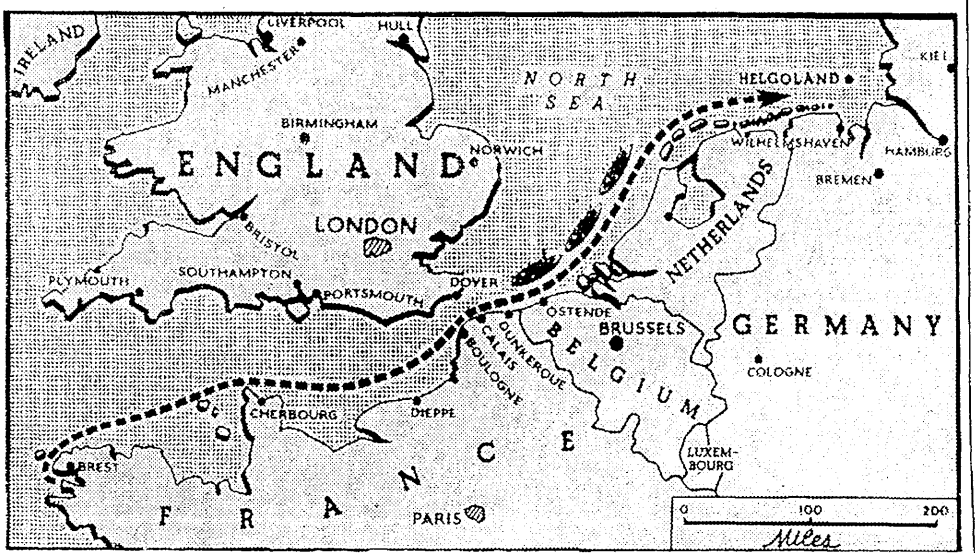
**City Must Spend Thousands**

"This city must prepare to spend money, a lot of it," he said. "It won't be federal money. It will be your own. You'll have to spend hundreds of thousands, where you are now spending thousands, before you'll have any adequate preparations for bombing—and for the fire, which accompanies bombing."

Major Osborne disclosed today that he had issued the same warning Wednesday to the Seattle Municipal Defense Commission and to a committee representing the City Council, at a closed meeting in Mayor Earl Millikin's office. They discussed Seattle's practice "mobilizing" the city's resources.

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### GERMAN CHANNEL COUP MAY OUST CHURCHILL



**BATTLE IN STRAIT OF DOVER** This map shows the route taken by the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, the cruiser Prinz Eugen and other ships, in their successful escape yesterday from Brest, France, to Heligoland. Prepared by Associated Press and transmitted by wirephoto.

### 600 PLANES FIGHT OVER NAZI SHIPS

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 13.—Three of Germany's mightiest warships, in daring defiance of Britain's air and sea power, have made a sensational escape from their French drydock prison, racing to freedom through the English Channel under the fire of British planes, ships and shore guns. (More than 600 planes were fighting at times, Berlin asserted.)

It was a gamble that risked freedom for the 26,000-ton battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen, to rove the seas again as lethal raiders of Britain's commerce, against their loss as the price of failure.

And the British ruefully acknowledged this black Friday that, so far at least, the Germans had engineered a shrewd and skillful coup under the muzzles of Britain's home defenders.

To many political observers it also meant that the government of Prime Minister Churchill has only a slim chance of riding out the storm of popular indignation.

Churchill might explain the defeats in Africa and in the Pacific, these sources said, but the humbling of two of Britain's fighting ships must have taken a terrific beating.

(It developed later that the island base this force attacked was destroyed.)

It seems that our particular force plowed into the enemy's major held of strength in these atolls and that our baptism of fire was probably the heaviest of the day.

In many instances our other forces apparently met little opposition. But our ships, too, gave far more than they took insofar as ships and shore action was concerned. Even two score enemy bomber and fighter planes could not keep this force from carrying

### Navy's Direct Hits Toss Japanese Island Guns 'High Into Air'

At least 16 ships were destroyed and others were damaged severely in the Pacific Fleet's raid February 1 on the Japanese Marshall and Gilbert Islands, the Navy Department revealed last night. In addition, at least 41 enemy planes were destroyed and military bases were attacked with destruction of huge supplies of fuel and ammunition as well as buildings, the Navy said.

### PEARL HARBOR, T. H., Friday, Feb. 13.—The story of the United States Navy's roaring night, which broke the peace of a tropic dawn with a sudden assault on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, was unfolded today by Jack Rice, Associated Press photographer who was aboard a cruiser participating in the attack.

Here's his story:

The scene—A United States cruiser at sea; the time—just before noon, February 1.

I saw great guns from our ship rake the strongly held Japanese island of Tarao from one end to the other today. They fought off repeated attacks from the air, hammered belching shore batteries into silence—and right now we are steaming away with not much more damage than could be fixed by a village blacksmith.

It was a stunning show of strategy, skill and cool courage.

And as we stand around now, wolfing ham sandwiches and coffee in the officers' mess, I have a brand new respect for this bunch of veterans and for the determined youngsters who took the hail of steel and shells as if they were in a snowball fight back at school.

**Jap Planes of No Avail**

Our operation was but one of several in this general area today and, from fragmentary reports now available to us, we are certain the Japanese must have taken a terrific beating.

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### Pistol Kills Youth Playing Lincoln

MOLSON, Okanogan County, Friday, Feb. 13.—(P)—Playing the part of Abraham Lincoln in reenactment of the great President's assassination, Ralph Sterling, 19 years old, sat in a "Ford's Theatre" box in a play in Molson High School yesterday and was shot and fatally wounded as the youth playing the role of John Wilkes Booth called out: "Sic semper tyranni!" and fired. No one knew the pistol was loaded.

The Sterling youth, shot in the abdomen, was rushed to the Tonasket hospital, where he died of the wound early this morning.

Women who do men's work in wartime should get men's pay, most of U. S. believes. See Gallup Poll, Page 15.



**IN CHICAGO YESTERDAY** This valentine, weighing 1,000 pounds, destined for soldiers at Camp Forrest, Tenn., was filled to the brim by Mrs. Frank Bering. It contained candy, cookies, peanuts, cigarettes, cigars, potato chips, shaving cream, tooth paste and games. The giant valentine was crated for shipment.—A. P. wirephoto.

### FISTS FLY IN INTERUNION CONTROVERSY AT TACOMA

Independents Warned to 'Make an Honest Living'; Leader Injured; Crowd Helps Free Arrested Man

By Associated Press. TACOMA, Friday, Feb. 13.—A group of between 40 and 50 pickets of welders seeking an independent union at the big Seattle-Tacoma shipyard was beaten, manhandled, their picketing signs torn down from them and they were chased over the tideflats in a clash with American Federation of Labor welders coming off duty at 7 a. m. today.

About a dozen policemen on duty at the yards were unable to stop the fighting. Some pickets took refuge in nearby coal cars and freight cars and some were chased blocks. One of the A. F. of L. welders, arrested and placed in a patrol wagon, was freed by his fellow-workmen.

The fighting started when the shift left the yards about 10 minutes after the day shifts of hundreds of men went through the picket lines to work.

Charles L. Brinkerhoff, leader of the welders, was knocked to the ground and beaten. He suffered various body bruises and a severe cut above an eye. A fellow picket, in trying to protect Brinkerhoff, was knocked down on top of Brinkerhoff and kicked in the head.

Brinkerhoff was taken home for medical aid but later was able to return to his office.

Conditions outside the gates at the shipyards returned to normal.

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### BARKLEY TO ASK REPEAL OF PENSION

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 13.—Democratic Leader Barkley, Kentucky, told the Senate today he would ask speedy repeal of the recently approved legislation providing pensions for members of Congress.

"It was unwise, untimely and unfortunate," Barkley said, that the provision for congressional pensions, which has attracted nationwide criticism, was included in a broad government pension measure.

"The committee made up of all senators and representatives from the Coast states and Delegate Diamond of Alaska approved the recommendations of a subcommittee on alien enemies and sabotage, but changed the opening paragraph to apply directly to Japanese. The subcommittee had recommended the removal of all persons suspected of disloyalty without specifically naming Japanese.

The delegation meeting adopted subcommittee's recommendation that the strategic areas be enlarged as expeditiously as possible to encompass all of Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska.

The conference recommended its plan be put into effect by the War Department, removing from the strategic zones all persons except those granted licenses to remain. Such action, it was said, would permit removal of citizens of Japanese origin as well as alien Japanese.

The committee approved the subcommittee's recommendation that the strategic areas be defined at once to include all military installations, war industries, water and power-plant installations, oil fields, refineries, and transportation and other essential facilities as well as adequate areas adjacent to them.

The explosion was heard over an area extending as much as three miles from the station, according to calls from residents to the newspaper.

Complete directions for tomorrow's draft registration. Page 9.

### Total Evacuation Of Japanese On Coast Advocated

Solons Recommend Action by Army to Protect Vital Defense Centers

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 13.—The Pacific Coast congressional committee today recommended to the government the immediate evacuation of all persons of Japanese lineage and all others, aliens and citizens alike, from strategic areas along the West Coast, if their presence is deemed dangerous or inimical to the defense of the United States.

### SINGAPORE HOLDS, BUT JAPS GAIN

By Associated Press. A terse, dramatic message from Lieut. Gen. A. E. Percival disclosed that British defenders of Singapore still were putting up "stout resistance against great odds" today as Japan's siege armies pressed within two miles of the city's heart.

Singapore's 10 p. m. broadcast (at 8 a. m. Seattle War Time) was heard on schedule, the announcer saying there had been "no great change in the general line." He added that fighting was heaviest in the western and northwestern sectors and that "there is ample evidence that the Japanese forces are not having everything their own way."

The Tokyo radio asserted that Japanese tanks had battered their way into British "camps" along the

### SUMMARY OF TODAY'S WAR NEWS

Singapore continued to hold out today with even the Japanese admitting the British were putting up stiff resistance. London heard that the city's principal water source was in enemy hands. The Japanese spearhead was within two miles of the city's center.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported increased activity on Bataan Peninsula.

The Dutch admitted the fall of Macassar in the Celebes, but said a "scorched-earth" program had left the city's facilities useless.

The British reported increased fighting around Faan in Burma where the Japanese yesterday were reported to have been stopped.

The Russians reported their ski troops have penetrated White Russia, menacing the German north flank.

Russian marines captured a strongly fortified hill overlooking Sevastopol.

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### Alien Chauffeur For Gov. Heil Ordered Jailed

MILWAUKEE, Friday, Feb. 13.—(P)—United States Attorney B. J. Husting said today he had asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to arrest Johannes Bernhart Nauman, 47 years old, gardener and chauffeur for Gov. Julius F. Heil, on a charge of being an enemy alien, deemed dangerous to the internal security of the nation.

Nauman, a German, has been the governor's chauffeur and gardener at his Milwaukee home for 11 years.

The district attorney said he acted on authority from Washington.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 13.—(P)—Commenting on reports that the arrest of his gardener, Johannes Bernhart Nauman, was being sought by federal authorities on a charge of being a dangerous enemy alien, Gov. Julius Heil today said Nauman was "a good and faithful worker who always tended to his business."

War Board halts all radio-set production. Page 30.

### Guening, F. R. Talk Offense For Alaska

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 13.—Gov. Ernest Gruening discussed with President Roosevelt today military and naval problems of Alaska, commenting afterward: "We are thinking in terms of offensive warfare rather than defensive warfare."

"Does this mean more bases and planes for Alaska?" Gruening was asked.

"It means more of everything," the governor told reporters as he left the White House.

Asked whether he had taken up with the President plans for bolstering the defense of Alaska, Gruening replied: "It is the offense that has got to be bolstered."

Gruening would not elaborate on the offensive plans for Alaska, but said his discussion with the President was "very important."

He said Alaska now has 155 airplane landing fields of varying size, but that the over-all strength of the territory should be increased.

### Japs Bombed By Own Planes In Philippines

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 13.—(P)—Destruction of two Japanese dive-bombers by American anti-aircraft guns during increasing fighting in the Philippines was reported today by the War Department.

The dive-bombers, actively supporting aggressive enemy patrol action, mistakenly bombed and machine-gunned their own infantry, with heavy casualties, a communiqué said.

Victims of the mistaken attack were identified as elements of the 122nd Japanese Regiment of Gen. Akira Nara's 65th Division.

(See Page 18 for text of the War Department Communiqué.)

### 4 Reported Dead In Navy Explosion

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 13.—(P)—The Washington Evening Star was told by police today that four men had been killed in an explosion of a naval magazine in Bellevue, a District of Columbia section which includes a Navy experimental station.

The explosion was heard over an area extending as much as three miles from the station, according to calls from residents to the newspaper.

### U. S. Planes Never Uncrated At Singapore, Says Evacuee

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Friday, Feb. 13.—(P)—Twenty-eight Americans, the first to reach here from Singapore since the siege there, arrived today with critical remarks about what they termed the "unbelievable carelessness" in the British defense of Malaya.

Mrs. Harry Benson, a Seventh Day Adventist missionary, said every American ship arriving at Singapore carried planes, "but they stayed in their crates at the air field because nobody could put them together. Over Penang the Japanese had the skies to themselves." She came home with her husband, another missionary, after 35 years in Japan.

Elliott H. Simpson, secretary of an American rubber-importing firm, who was trapped when the British withdrew from Penang, said he would go to Washington to report to the State Department concerning British "negligence."

Simpson said "the British ordered the evacuation of British women and children from Penang, but never notified the Americans to leave." United States Consul Robert Streeter was among those not advised, he said.

Mrs. J. G. Hanna, wife of a former Seattle dentist who settled in

### Singapore and Remained there for the battle said she saw British fleeing along Malaya.

"I don't blame them for fleeing," Mrs. Hanna asserted. "They had no planes to protect them."

Mrs. Hanna brought her daughter, Carol Ann, 6 years old.

"We were wiped out by the war," Mrs. Hanna said, referring to the dental clinic her husband had established in Penang.

Mrs. Paul Stewart of Portland, Or., and her two children, both born in Singapore, arrived. She told of seeing planes being transported to air fields near her home "but they never got into the air."

Mrs. Ruth Lester, San Francisco, whose husband, Carleton Lester, an executive of the American President Lines, is in Australia, arrived with her Malayan cat, Kuching.

Mrs. Benson told of being in a department store at Penang when the first Japanese bomb dropped 30 feet away. "The back of the store caught fire. We just simply stood still," she said.

"We got the last ferry out of Penang. Our car was loaded with debris, but could still travel. Some Aussies (soldiers) unknown to us gave us petrol from their trucks."