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JAPS LOSE INVASION FLEET, BUT GAIN ON BALI, SAY DUTCH

ADMIRAL IS CALLED IN QUIZ OVER OLD POWDER

Lieutenant Is Quoted as Saying Ammunition Used in Firing on Jap Planes Was 70 Pct. Ineffective

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Rear Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, chief of Bureau of Naval Ordnance, will appear before the House naval affairs committee tomorrow concerning a report that United States naval vessels in the Far East are equipped with faulty ammunition and guns.

Chairman Carl Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, said Blandy was requested to appear, after committee members read a report by Martin Agronsky, National Broadcasting Company correspondent at Sydney, Australia. Agronsky quoted a United States Navy lieutenant as saying that an American convoy was unable to accurately fire anti-aircraft guns at Japanese bombers because the ammunition was of 1930 and 1931 issues and "only 30 per cent effective."

Rear Adm. Randall Jacobs, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, appeared before the committee at a closed session today. Vinson said that "naval affairs were discussed."

"Tomorrow's hearings will be open."

2 Ft. Lewis Soldiers Captured in Montana

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Feb. 23.—(UP)—Two Fort Lewis privates—Jean Snyder, 21 years old, and Ed Victor, 20—were held for federal authorities today after they assertedly left the fort without leave and stole an automobile in Olympia.

Snyder was shot in the elbow by a member of a posse which tried to stop them and later hunted them after they wrecked the automobile near Springdale, Mont., and fled on foot through the brush along the Yellowstone River.

Carson Quits O. C. D. For Service in Army

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Office of Civilian Defense announced today that Joseph K. Carson, Jr., former mayor of Portland, Or., had resigned as director-general of Civilian Defense for the western division to accept a commission in the Army.

Carson's resignation was received by the O. C. D. before Dean Landis, director, abolished last week the five positions of director-general throughout the country.

Japanese Attempting To 'Tear Down' F. R. Speech in Advance

Tokyo Launches Greatest Propaganda Drive, Says White House; U. S. War Entry Laid on President's Shoulders

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The White House today said the Japanese radio at Tokyo was "putting on its biggest propaganda campaign, for the purpose of tearing down" in advance the address President Roosevelt will deliver tonight on the war.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, read to reporters a memorandum from a government information agency to this effect.

Four times, Early said, the Tokyo radio broadcast this morning in English. He said it had reported that the President was dodging all questions at his press conference and had placed responsibility for American entry in the war directly on the Chief Executive.

TANKER IS TORPEDOED NEAR ARUBA

By Associated Press.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Feb. 23.—The Panamanian tanker Thalia was torpedoed today near the Moncos Islands, about 100 miles from the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba, Aneka News Agency reported.

Aneta said three lifeboats carrying members of the tanker's crew were sighted about 50 miles off the Moncos Islands.

The Thalia, an 8,329-ton motorship tanker owned by the Panama Transport Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was built in 1926 at Kiel, Germany.

Japanese Attack On Hospital Ship Told

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, Feb. 23.—(AP)—An official announcement said today that the plainly marked Netherlands hospital ship *Ten Moort* had been attacked by eight Japanese bombers. The place of the attack was not specified.

Aneta, news agency quoted the announcement as saying two persons were killed, 13 were injured, and considerable damage was caused.

Churchill still faces criticism despite shake-up. Pg. 8.

U. S. CUTTER TORPEDOED AND IS LOST OFF ICELAND

First American Combatant Vessel Attacked in North Since War Started; 'Moderate Loss of Life'

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Coast Guard cutter *Alexander Hamilton* has been torpedoed by an enemy submarine off Iceland. While being towed into port, the Navy said, the ship capsized and had to be sunk by gunfire.

The Navy said the loss of life was "moderate," but gave no figures.

The *Alexander Hamilton* was built in 1937 at New York and was 327 feet long and of 2,141 gross tons. She had a speed of 20 knots.

Jane's Fighting Ships credited vessels of her general class with two or three 5-inch guns plus anti-aircraft guns. Her cruising radius was 8,000 miles at 12.5 knots and 12,300 miles at 11 knots.

The *Alexander Hamilton* was the first United States combatant vessel reported lost in the vicinity of Iceland since the United States declared war.

The destroyer *Reuben James* was sunk by torpedo action about 300 miles off Iceland on the night of October 30-31, with loss of 100 lives. Forty-five crew members were rescued.

Coast Guard headquarters said the wartime complement of the *Alexander Hamilton* was 202 men. Its peacetime complement was 112 men.

(See Page 8 for communique.)

Tallulah Bankhead Leaves N. Y. Hospital

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Tallulah Bankhead, stage and radio star, last night left Lenox Hill Hospital, where she went Wednesday for a few days' rest.

The actress, daughter of the late Speaker of the House William B. Bankhead, suffered an attack of influenza several weeks ago while her latest vehicle, "Clash by Night," was playing in Boston.

Conservative Chief Resigns

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Sir Douglas Hacking resigned today as chairman of the dominant Conservative Party and will be succeeded March 6 by Maj. Thomas L. Dugdale, deputy chief government whip since last year.

Sir Douglas was appointed by Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin in 1936.

Ship, Plane Workers Face Draft 'Awakening'—Hershey

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, told the House agriculture committee today the attitude of farmers in not seeking draft deferment was one of the major causes of a threatened farm-labor shortage.

At the same time, Hershey asserted that "thousands" of persons working in shipyards and airplane factories under the impression they would be deferred because of an essential occupation "are in for a rude awakening."

More Easily Replaced

Many of these workers, Hershey explained, can be replaced more easily than can farm labor.

The committee, beginning a study of the farm-labor problem, was told by the Selective Service head that one of the tasks confronting him was to get across to local draft boards the necessity of not too heavily exhausting the farm-labor rolls in their countries.

Too often, Hershey said, farmers themselves hesitate to appeal a local board's classification because of fear such action might be considered unpatriotic.

"One of the hardest men you have to convince that he is a specialist is the farmer," Hershey told the committee. "Farmers are patriotic. They don't try to get exemptions."

Hershey suggested that agricultural representatives on local appeal boards be more active in investigating cases and in objecting to classifications that might drain away labor necessary to farm work.

W. P. A. Curbs Urged

Chairman Fulmer, Democrat, South Carolina, said the committee has received "considerable complaints" from some agriculture sections about the procedure of draft boards. He suggested that curbs be put on the number of persons leaving farms for W. P. A. jobs and said many W. P. A. projects employing people from farms could be deferred until after the war.

Representative Andress, Republican, Minnesota, asserting that Selective Service had said that "labor organizers, movie" people and radio and newspaper men" could be deferred, asked Hershey if the administration considered that men are essential in production of dairy, poultry and meat products.

"Absolutely," Hershey replied. (New draft drawing set for March 17. See Page 13.)

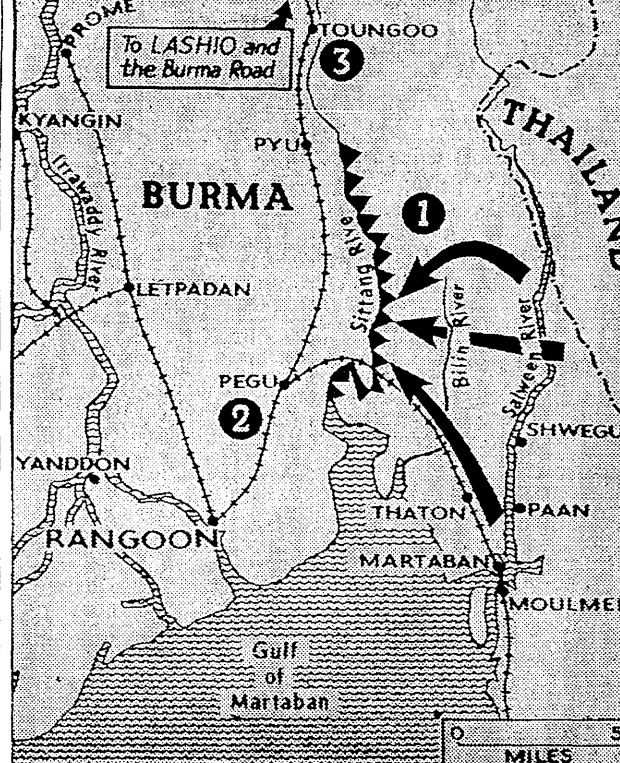
State mill men may walk out. Page 7.

CLOSER AND CLOSER TO JAVA



JAPS PAY HEAVY PRICE Dutch sources in Batavia admitted today that the Japanese had overrun part of Bali (1) and seized an airdrome, but the Japanese said they had driven in Sumatra to north of Telokbetong (2).—Map prepared by the Associated Press and transmitted by wirephoto.

BURMA FIGHT FIERCE



BRITISH FALL BACK British communiques indicated today that Imperial troops were falling back on the Sittang River (1) defense lines in Burma after the Japanese had forced their way across the Bilin River at several points. Pegu (2), site of an airport, and Toungoo (3), on the railroad to Mandalay and the Burma Road, were bombed.—Map prepared by the Associated Press and transmitted by wirephoto.

Imperial troops were falling back slowly from the Sittang, last natural line of defense protecting the Burma Road, but said Allied planes were offering strong support.

British and American pilots were said to be blasting at Japanese columns and bases, and were credited officially with wrecking many vehicles.

Japanese planes, meanwhile, bombed Mawmye, 30 miles north of Rangoon, and struck at several other towns in Northern Burma during the week-end.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—British hopes of holding Rangoon against superior Japanese forces were regarded by observers here tonight as considerably diminished.

Little official information on the fighting was available, and some informed sources suggested that the cables from Rangoon might have been cut. The last word was that British troops were fighting somewhere between the Bilin and Sittang Rivers.

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The battle for Burma raged in full fury today, with Japanese invading forces striking toward the Sittang River, the mouth of which is barely 70 miles from Rangoon and only 20 miles from the railway connecting this port with the Burma Road to China.

The fighting apparently was sweeping over a wide area between the Sittang and the Bilin River, some 30 miles to the east, which the Japanese succeeded in crossing at several points last week.

A communique yesterday from British headquarters indicated the

Hillman's plea ends N. Y. bronze strike. Page 4.

Lull in Bataan fighting reported. Page 7.

Stalin regrets lack of allies. Page 8.

AIRPORT ON ISLE NEAR JAVA TAKEN BY NIPPON

United Nations Command Tells of Leaving Enemy Ship Afire in Attack on Flotilla in Bangka Strait

TOKYO, Feb. 23.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by United Press in San Francisco)—Imperial Headquarters announced tonight the complete occupation of the island of Bali.

By Associated Press.

At a cost of all but one ship of their invasion armada, according to the Dutch, the Japanese have overrun part of the island of Bali, on the east flank of the United Nations' Java Island stronghold, seizing an airdrome there within 200 bomber miles of Soerabaja, now the No. 1 naval base of the defenders.

But this was a tenuous foothold, one which might readily be wiped out if enough of the military strength in Java—primarily Dutch colonial troops bolstered by American and Australian expeditions—could safely be diverted for the task.

It was possible, too, that there were enough troops already on Bali—they have been in action since last Friday when the invasion started—to wipe out the invaders.

Field May Be Wrecked

No one could say, however, whether the Japanese had a second expedition in Java—primarily to support the Bali position or, using it as a feint, to strike Java in another quarter. Undoubtedly the Japanese would try to capitalize on their airdrome position for the landing of air-borne troops, but it seemed unlikely that the field had been left intact for such immediate use.

A United Nations communique said Allied dive-bombers set a Japanese merchantman of more than 10,000 tons afire with direct hits in the Strait of Bangka, off Sumatra, 250 miles northwest of Batavia, and machine-gunned other large ships in that vicinity.

Among other widespread aerial operations, the communique said two reconnaissance planes escaped from 17 Japanese naval planes and "successfully completed their tasks."

Four Japanese planes were declared shot down and a fifth badly damaged during Japanese attacks yesterday on Java airfields.

Allied bombers also heavily attacked the airdrome at Denpasar on Southeastern Bali, which the Japanese had occupied, the communique said.

Invaders in Danger

For the first time in the new Pacific war, a sizeable Japanese expeditionary force was exposed to annihilation—temporarily at least. Authorities in Batavia as well as The Netherlands government in-

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PLANS FOR EVACUATING ALIENS TOLD

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The government wants to handle evacuation of enemy aliens with the least possible hardship on the persons affected.

That was established clearly today as a congressional committee resumed its inquiry into problems related to removal of Japanese, Germans and Italians from areas of military and strategic operations.

Mayor Frank Gaines of Berkeley, one of today's witnesses, said he hoped that aliens evacuated could be put to some productive endeavor, so the expense to the government would be less, and so the aliens would not be destitute at the end of the war.

To this Representative John H. Tolan, Democrat, California, chairman of the committee, commented "we have to think of reprisals, too, in Japan and Singapore, for instance. We also have to live here in the future. The problem is to determine how best we can handle the situation with the least hardship possible."

Mayor Gaines suggested that the aliens be divided into three categories—dangerous, suspicious and friendly. He would let the federal agencies handle the first—the two groups. As for the third—he cited expatriated Jews from Germany as in this class—he would let local police determine their degree of friendliness, in the belief that police have a closer knowledge of the people.

Chairman Tolan commented: "I think you are right."

John Hassler, Oakland city man.

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Organizer of White Camelia Fired From Navy Job by Knox

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that George E. Deatherage, organizer and leader of so-called patriotic societies, had been classified by Secretary Knox as an "undesirable person" for employment on Navy work. The classification was made under a law requiring the discharge of persons so designated.

Deatherage was employed by Doyle & Russell, contractors on a \$7,000,000 construction project at the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Va.

Deatherage, according to testimony given before the Dies committee on un-American activities in 1939, was organizer and national commander of the Knights of the White Camelia. He also organized the American Nationalist Federation. His testimony told of visits to the German embassy to discuss anti-Semitism and Nazi Bund-raising techniques.

The Navy issued this statement about his employment:

"After an investigation of the activities of George E. Deatherage, employed by Doyle & Russell, contractors on construction work at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., the secretary of the Navy has invoked the provisions of Article 27 (C) of the contract, which requires that the contractor shall discharge from employment and exclude from the site of the work persons designated by the secretary of the Navy as undesirable to have access to the work and/or materials of the Navy Department.

"Based on competent investigation, the secretary of the Navy has found that Mr. Deatherage is an undesirable person within the meaning of the contract, and as such will be excluded from the site of Navy work."

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S WAR NEWS

Dutch sources declared today that the Japanese had lost or suffered damage to all but one ship of the Bali invasion fleet and that one had fled. They admitted, however, the enemy had occupied part of the island, including an airdrome.

United Nations headquarters reported Allied planes had attacked Japanese shipping in Bangka Strait and had set a 10,000-ton merchantman afire and hit other ships. The Japanese appeared to be gaining slowly in Burma, despite fierce resistance by the British Imperials.

Fighting died down on Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines.

Premier Stalin expressed regret that the Russian army has no allies fighting with it but assured his people the nation would fight on to complete victory.

The Axis reported the destruction of 25 British planes in Libya and Malta. (See Page 8 for details.)



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Credit Men to Hear Briton
William MacKinnon, a British subject who arrived here recently from Sumatra, where he managed a rubber plantation for the past 15 years, will speak at the dinner-meeting of the Retail Credit Association of Seattle at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Gowman Hotel.

KIRKPATRICK GETS FORESTRY POST

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 23.-(P)-Dahl J. Kirkpatrick, supervisor of the Siuslaw National Forest, will be transferred to the Mount Baker National Forest March 1 to succeed the late Charles H. Flory, Regional Forester Lyle F. Waits announced today.



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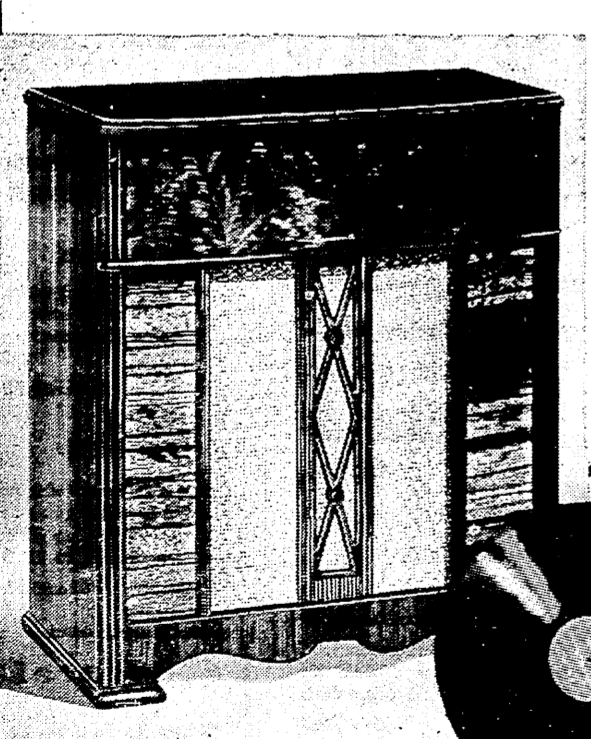
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P.S. I'LL BET THEY ALL HAD ELECTRIC RAZORS.
Not Class Private Peter Pink

President to Merge Housing Activities Plans for Alien Evacuation Studied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-(P)-The White House today announced that President Roosevelt tomorrow would issue orders placing all but one of the government's housing activities under a single head.

Frozen Foods Study Aided
Seeking to conserve the nation's food supplies, the Washington State Planning Council has allocated \$2,215 to the Department of Bacteriology at the University of Washington to study the cause of deterioration of frozen foods.

Army Hospital Burns
SPARTA, Wis., Feb. 23.-(P)-Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the one-story wood and cement hospital at Camp McCoy yesterday. Three patients were carried out safely. Camp officials estimated the loss at \$30,000.

Fire Damages Doughnut Bar
A fire at 3:50 o'clock yesterday morning did \$1,500 damage to a doughnut bar at 715 Pike St. The blaze started from a greasy flue.

B. C. Veterans Would Remove All Japs Inland

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 23.-(P)-The British Columbia Command of the Army and Navy Veterans of Canada, in week-end convention here, unanimously endorsed a resolution calling for the immediate removal from the coastal area of all Japanese, regardless of sex or citizenship.

Japanese Buying Canadian Bonds

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 23.-Although pointing out that "enforced removal of productive Japanese threatens destitution and poverty rather than the ability to invest in Victory Bonds," the Japanese newspaper New Canadian here, states editorially that the community will do its utmost in the matter of subscriptions.

U. S.-British Ship Board Is Organized

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-Creation of the "combined shipping adjustment board," with offices here and in London, was announced by the White House with an explanation that it would devise means of solving Allied shipping problems.

Canned Fruit Juices Now in Navy Ration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-(P)-President Roosevelt signed today legislation providing that the Navy ration could include canned or powdered or concentrated fruit or vegetable juice.

Joseph Dadosio in Air Corps
Pvt. Joseph Dadosio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dadosio, 2416 E. Marion St., has enrolled in the Air Corps Technical School at Shppard Field, Tex.

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