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"The Harder the Sacrifice, the More Glorious the Triumph."
—Franklin D. Roosevelt, in address to nation February 23, 1942.

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U. S. May Seize Civilians' Tires--Henderson

TOLL HIGH AS PLANES CATCH Foe OFF GUARD

Sinking of Three Nipponese Transports by Tiny U. S. Air Unit Disasters for Enemy, Reports General

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported to the War Department today his belief that thousands of Japanese soldiers were drowned in the surprise raid of his little air force on Subic Bay, north of the Bataan Peninsula fighting front in the Philippines.

Three large vessels which were sunk were identified later, a War Department communique said, as transports loaded with enemy troops. Those killed met death by drowning or as a result of explosion of ammunition aboard, the communique said.

Meeting no aerial opposition for the first time since the Pacific war started, none of the American planes was damaged. (See Page 8 for communique.)

U. S. Gunboat Asheville Sunk, Says Tokyo

TOKYO (From Japanese broadcasts), March 5.—(AP)—Imperial Headquarters reported today that Japanese naval forces had sunk the United States gunboat Asheville, 1,270 tons, two days ago. It said the action took place south of the island of Java and was carried out without loss to the Japanese.

On the preceding day, Imperial Headquarters said, another Japanese naval force in the same general region sank the 905-ton British destroyer Stronghold.

Russian Tanks Smash Through Nazi Ice Forts

MOSCOW, March 5.—(AP)—Russian front-line accounts today said new tanks scored particularly damaging blows against the German 502nd Regiment in the Staraya Russa sector, and broke through a heavily fortified settlement where the Nazis had erected great snow forts covered with ice. They said the Nazis were desperately trying to organize anti-tank units from regular infantry and sapper companies.

The Fifth German Infantry Division, which tried to help the beleaguered Nazis, was declared to have suffered great losses. It had been intended for use in the spring, but was rushed in from France on the relief expedition.

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U. Speeds War Curriculum; Still Needs Poetry, Says Sieg

The University of Washington is doing everything possible to adapt its curriculum to wartime conditions, but "everything can't be for war" and "we still have courses in poetry because some students still want to study poetry," Dr. L. P. Sieg, president, said today in answer to student criticism.

The University Daily, an editorial publication, charged in a student today that the faculty had failed to speed up teaching methods to coincide with war conditions.

The editorial complained that the University has done little but talk about speeding up its program to a wartime footing, and said there is no evidence the institution has veered from pre-war habits.

While other colleges and universities have introduced vast changes in curriculum, there has been little change "the old, worn-out methods and subjects of teaching," The Daily charged further. Attempts to make curriculum changes, the editorial

NEW RUBBER BANNED FOR ALL PRIVATE TIRE NEEDS

W. P. B. Aide Outlines Gravity of Situation Faced by Allied Nations; Retread Jobs Hit by New Ruling

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Leon Henderson, director of civilian supplies, told a Senate defense-investigation committee today that "not a single pound of crude rubber" would be available for tires for upward of 30,000,000 passenger automobiles now in operation and that officials had discussed requisitioning tires now on cars of ordinary citizens.

Chairman Truman, Democrat, Missouri told Henderson after the price-control administrator had spoken of the possibility of rationing all gasoline and requisitioning tires now on private cars:

"You'll run into a lot of trouble if you ever try that."

Truman added that citizens would resist any such action unless convinced it was essential in order to win the war.

Painting a dismal picture, in marked contrast to recent testimony by Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, Henderson estimated that rubber requirements of the United Nations for the next two years would be about 2,000,000 tons whereas "the most optimistic estimate" of supply from all sources was from 1,400,000 tons to 1,500,000 tons.

Last month Jones told a Senate committee "I think we will be getting enough rubber to get along next year if we are careful with what we have and what we can get. I do not mind observing that I think that by the end of 1943, or the first part of 1944 at the most,"

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If Java falls, what? MacKenzie predicts increased drive on Burma and an attempt to take India. See Page 10.

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SIX TOWNS IN JAVA FALL!

INDIES ISLE APPARENTLY DOOMED AS Foe GAINS

Invaders Take Key Points Despite Stubborn Dutch Fighting; Van Mook Tells of Hope for Allied Move

By Associated Press. Java appeared doomed to conquest today as Japan's invasion hordes captured at least six key towns, moved within ten miles of the old capital, Batavia, and threatened the Allied Headquarters at Bandoeng, and bombed the last possible harbor at which United Nations reinforcements might disembark.

Late reports said the Japanese already had gone far toward cutting Java in two with the capture of Soerakarta, a junction point on the Batavia-Soerabaya railroad line, only 35 miles from the south coast.

Summarizing the crisis, a bulletin from Dutch Headquarters acknowledged that the enemy was "advancing continually" with fierce battles now raging "all over the island."

Lieut.-Gov. Hubertus J. van Mook of the Indies sounded the only note of cheer when he declared: "It may be expected that at any moment the attack on the

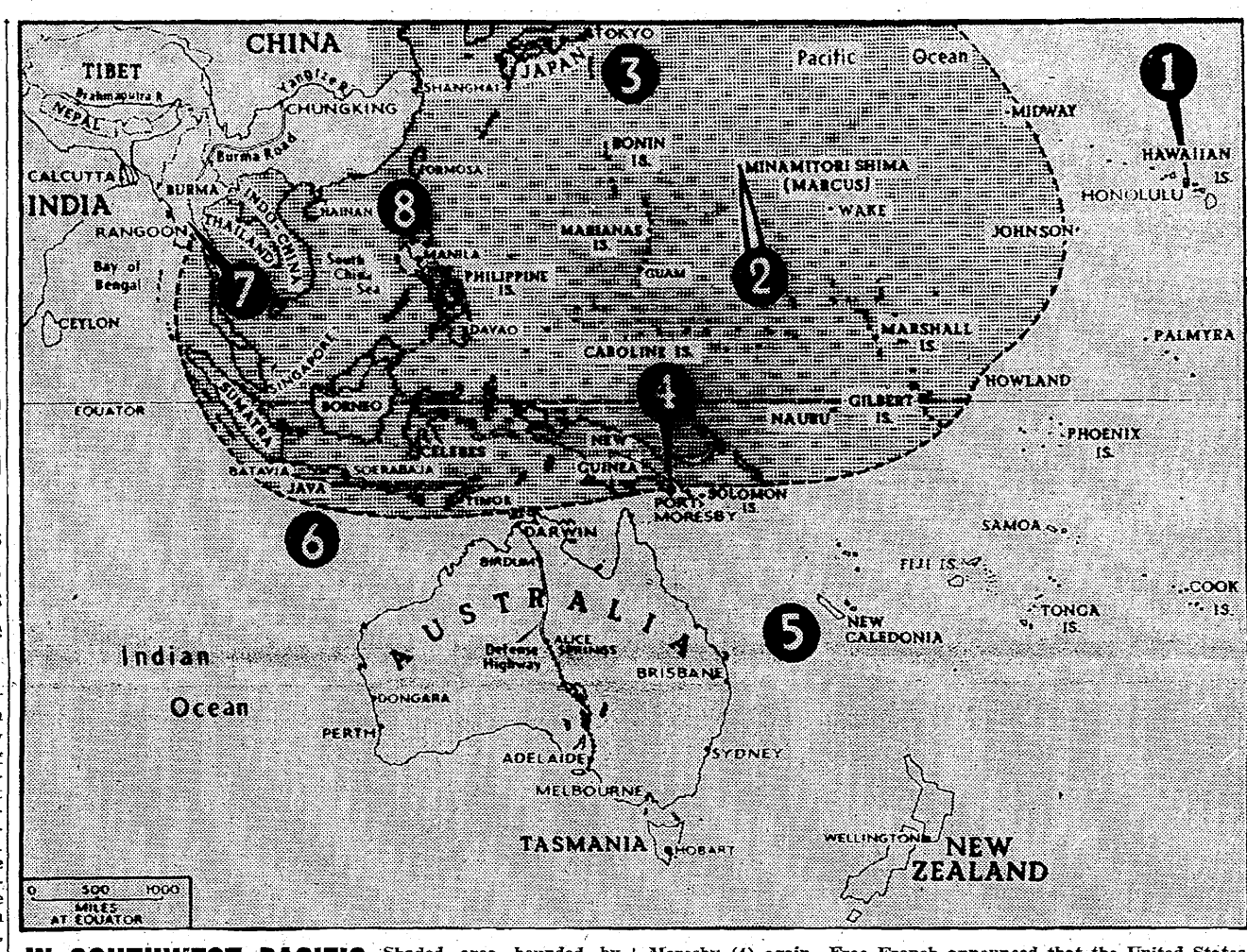
planes making a surprise raid yesterday.

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IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC Shaded area bounded by broken lines indicates the area dominated by the Japanese in the Pacific. Weakening of Java defenses brought the Nipponese battle front nearly to Australia's shores. Hawaii had its first bombing since the attack on Pearl Harbor when four bombs were loosed over Honolulu (1) yesterday. Tokyo admitted 30 planes hit Minamitori Shima Island (2), 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo (3). The Japanese bombed Fort

Moresby (4) again. Free French announced that the United States was aiding in defense of French Pacific colonies such as New Caledonia (5). The Dutch prepared to abandon the East Indies for the West Indies as Java's doom appeared near (6). The Japanese also pushed ahead in Burma (7). Gen. Douglas MacArthur furnished a bright spot by reporting successful attacks on enemy ships which he said were loaded with thousands of troops.—Map prepared by the Associated Press and transmitted by wirephoto.

JAPS RESIDE NEAR VITAL PLANTS HERE

Hundreds of allier and American-born Japanese in Seattle are living near strategic defense units, a police survey showed today.

Approximately 7,000 of them live in the central part of the city, in a belt between Denny Way and Holgate Street, the survey showed. Others are scattered throughout the rest of the city, except where zoning laws forbid them.

There are Japanese in the neighborhood of every reservoir, bridge and defense project.

The survey, conducted by C. E. Neuser, in charge of the police national-defense detail, occupied 28 policemen five weeks. Each Japanese family in the city was questioned about citizenship, firearms and length of residence in the United States.

Police statistics show the distribution of Japanese as follows: University District, east of Roosevelt Way, has 298 Japanese.

The area within a radius of five blocks of the Volunteer Park reservoir has 54 Japanese.

Five near Boeing Field Harbor Island, center of shipbuilding, has 21 Japanese residents. Within four blocks of the south border of Fort Lawton are 12 Japanese.

In the ten square blocks north of the government locks in Ballard are 13 Japanese.

In the four square blocks south of Boeing plant No. 2 are 28.

Navy Workmen Caulk Ships After Unionists Walk Out in Pay Fight

By Associated Press. SAN DIEGO, March 5.—Navy personnel and carpenters were doing caulking work at two San Diego shipyards today because of a wage dispute, which produced varying explanations from the Navy, the union and the management.

The Navy announced it had sent a crew of 24 men to the Campbell Machine Company to finish caulking a nurse scupper being converted into a harbor patrol boat.

The San Diego Marine Construction Company reported carpenters were doing small odd jobs of caulking at that.

The Navy said it is in the cause of the failure of civilian caulkers to return to work on a naval vessel "urgently required for service."

Officials of both the Campbell and the Marine Construction Company termed the failure of caulkers to report for work last Saturday an "outlaw strike."

But John Murray, representing the national organization of carpenters, said "there doesn't seem to be a walkout, and there is no strike on."

"There have been no strikes in national defense, and if the caulkers had gone on strike they would be subject to expulsion," said Murray.

"The usual thing is for the companies to make a demand on us for some men, or have the men called back where they might be needed. So far no one has been called in connection with the present situation."

Harry Dobb, union spokesman, said the caulkers' absence from their jobs was not a strike but that they were attempting to enforce a demand for a wage increase of 25 cents hourly over their present scale of \$1.12½. He said the caulkers found employment elsewhere at the demanded scale.

ARMS-PLANT BLAST KILLS 15, HURTS 42

By Associated Press. BURLINGTON, Iowa, March 5.—An earth-rocking blast that jarred the countryside for 20 miles around killed at least 15 workmen and injured 42 others shortly before midnight last night at the Iowa Ordnance Plant. Six other workers were missing.

The explosion, which demolished a TNT-melt unit in the shell-loading plant, was the second in less than three months for the sprawling 20,000-acre munitions factory.

A similar blast December 12 killed 13 workmen.

Ma J. H. Edgerly, chief of production control, said the disaster was due to an explosion of amatol, a mixture of ammonium nitrate and TNT.

Coroner R. O. Giles announced that 15 of the dead had been identified. They were:

Hartzell Popejoy, 35 years old, Fairfield, Iowa; Harold Klontz, Ollie, Iowa; Kenneth N. Van Sickle, 34, Rock Island, Ill.; Andrew Jacques Voorhees, Rariton, Ill.; William Buford England, Co. J. A. Herschel H. Goddard, Okaloosa, Iowa; Pearl Clifford, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Harold B. Wyatt, Keokuk, Iowa; R. L. Murray, East Moline, Ill. and Grover C. Keith, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Bernard LeRoy Melton, London Mills, Ill.; Ralph E. Carson, West Point, Iowa; Archie S. Booth, Colchester, Ill.; Ernest E. Stausbaugh, Roseville, Ill., and Laurence G. Griener, Keota, Iowa.

Witnesses said the explosion was accompanied by a sheet of flame 300 feet high and a terrific roar.

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City Denies Navy Plea For Bus Line to Ferry

Even though the Navy requested it, the Municipal Board of Public Works today refused to give the Renton Bus Company permission to operate early-morning busses direct to Colman Dock and a connection with Bremerton ferries.

Lieut. Homer R. Jones, Puget Sound Navy Yard public-relations officer, asked the board to give the bus company permission to run to the dock because the line carries mechanics who work in the Navy Yard. Jones said the direct service would "boost the morale" of the workers.

But City Engineer Charles L. Wartelle told the board other bus companies have not requested special service to the dock, suggested that all should be treated alike, and said hundreds of Seattleites used

the city's Transit System to reach the ferries. He recommended the petition be denied unless all the bus companies get together and compose a plan to operate a special line from the dock to Fourth Avenue at Marion Street, and provided the Transit System itself will not put in such special service.

The state issues certificates of public necessity for bus operation, but the Board of Public Works has the sole right to describe the routes the company shall use within the city. The Renton company has a route with certain stops on Fourth Avenue.

REMOVAL OF PREMIER IN FEW MONTHS IS INDICATED

Prime Minister Losing Grip on British Masses, Say London Sources; Beaverbrook Also in Disfavor

By DREW MIDDLETON Associated Press Foreign Staff LONDON, March 5.—An extremely reliable and well-informed political source, commenting on the failure of recent cabinet changes to quiet public and parliamentary criticism of the government, said today there was every likelihood that Sir Stafford Cripps would replace Winston Churchill as Britain's prime minister.

This source went so far as to predict that the doughty Churchill, whose speeches pulled Britain together in the bitter summer of 1940 and made him one of the modern world's greatest figures, would be unseated within three months.

After bitter parliamentary debates it must be emphasized, this source said, that while Churchill is vastly popular in the United States, he has steadily lost the strength of his hold on the British masses since the fall of Crete last June.

Sir Stafford, on the other hand, has grown in stature as a result of his work as ambassador to Russia, a fact recognized by his recent

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Summary of Today's War News

Fresh Japanese invasion forces were reported landing on Java today as the enemy overran the island and the last stronghold of The Netherlands East Indies appeared doomed. The Dutch admitted that the Japanese held six key towns; are ten miles from Batavia, the old capital, and are threatening Bandoeng, where the United Nations have their headquarters.

Bad news also came from Burma, where the Japanese crossed the Sittoung River, just natural barrier to Rangoon, Burma Capital.

From the Bataan front, General MacArthur reported the belief that thousands of Japanese perished in the sinking of three large transports in Subic Bay by American

planes making a surprise raid yesterday.

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