

MATERIALS LACK HITS WAR PLANS

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

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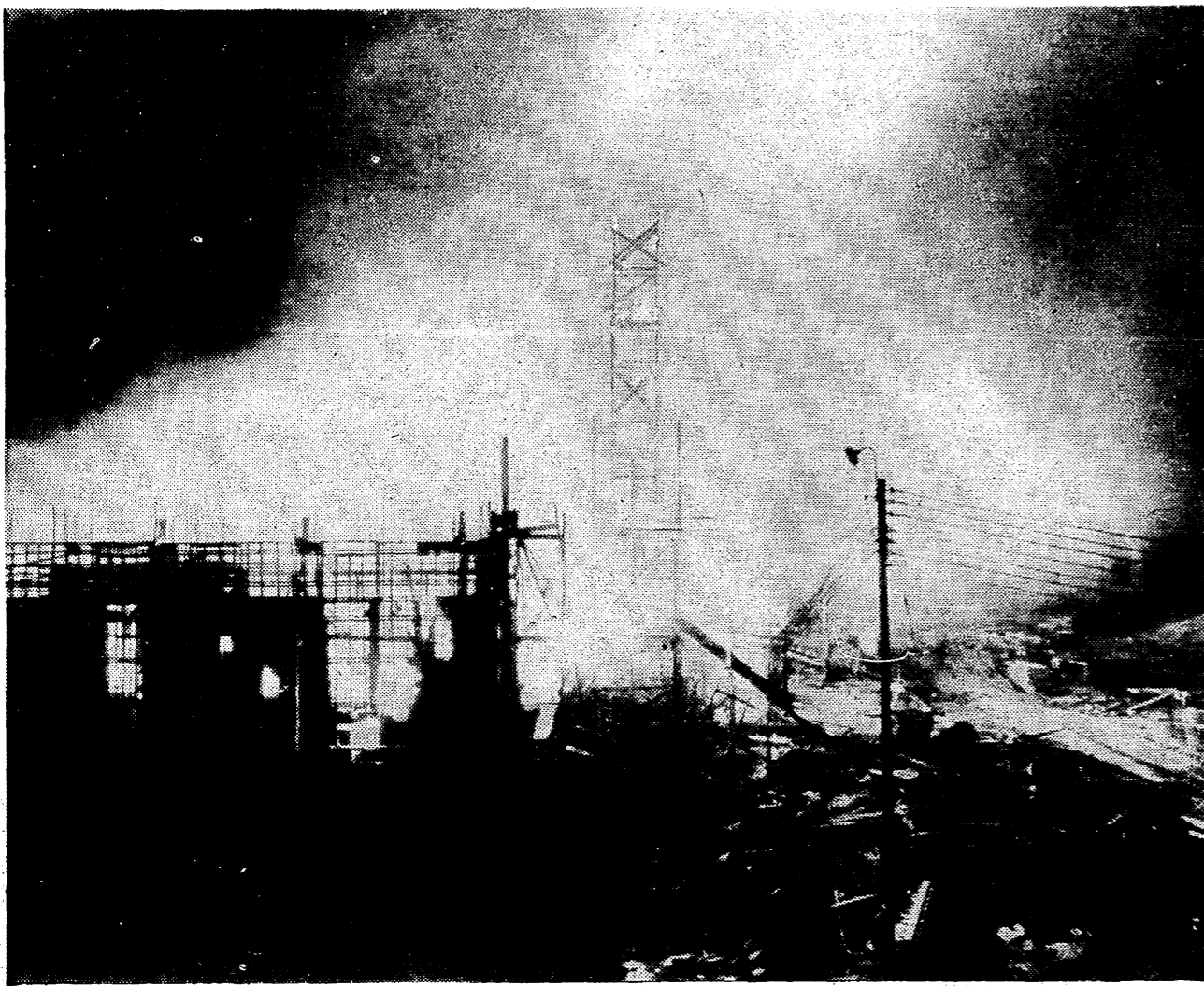
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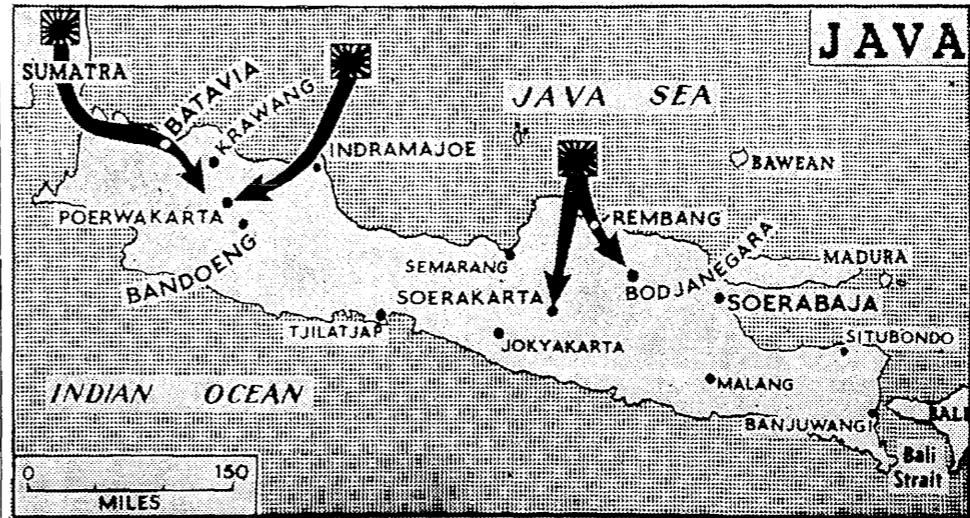
No Fighter Planes, So U. S. Bombers Quit Java

FIRE DAMAGES NEW NAVY HOSPITAL



IN LONG BEACH LAST NIGHT Flames faced through wooden forms surrounding the structure as a spectacular blaze damaged the main building of a \$2,000,000 naval hospital under construction. The Navy's operations base estimated the loss at approximately \$30,000. Cause of the fire was not determined.—A. P. wirephoto.

JAPS PRESS ON IN JAVA



CAPITAL FALLS The Dutch High Command in The Netherlands East Indies today announced officially that Batavia, Indies capital, has been evacuated. Arrows indicate extent of the Japanese penetration of Java as reported by Tokyo headquarters. Japanese said the Allied military center of Bandoeng was threatened, but a British report said the enemy had fallen back there. Demolition at the Soerabaja Navy Base was begun by the Dutch.—A. P. wirephoto map.

NEARLY ALL WEST END OF JAVA IN FOE'S HANDS

Allied Resistance Falter as Troops Wear Down Under Heavy Pressure; Australia May Be Next

By Associated Press. SOERABAJA, Java, N. E. I., March 2.—(Delayed)—Certain installations here at Soerabaja, site of the only important naval base remaining to the United Nations in the Southwest Pacific, were demolished today in a three-hour campaign of destruction by the defenders. Aneta, Dutch news agency, reported.

(The Dutch have followed a "scorched-earth" policy in areas regarded as imminently threatened with invasion. The demolition suggests that naval facilities were destroyed at Soerabaja, which could accommodate ships as large as heavy cruisers.)

By Associated Press. Dutch Headquarters acknowledged today that Allied troops had abandoned the wrecked capital city of Batavia and that the outnumbered United Nations defenders were being worn down by greatly superior Japanese invasion forces amid violent battles flaring all over the island of Java.

Nevertheless, Dutch troops, in a terrific frontal assault, were reported to have driven the Japanese from a section of the plains of Bandoeng, headquarters of the N. E. I. Command.

A Reuters dispatch said the invaders had retreated to the north while the mountains resounded with artillery fire.

Reuters also reported the Japanese had been thrown back in some sectors of Eastern Java, where the enemy was driving toward the great Soerabaja Naval Base.

Bandoeng had several air-raid alarms, but Japanese planes, apparently headed for other objectives, dropped no bombs.

Imperial Tokyo Headquarters said Japanese troops completed occupation of Batavia, in Western Java, at 9:30 o'clock last night.

Troops Growing Tired

Virtually helpless under the lash of Japanese bombing and machine-gunning attacks, the Allies were reported falling back into the mountains—chiefly around the military nerve center at Bandoeng—where they could fight to better advantage.

But it was evident that the picture was not all gloom.

Pope Pius, III, Recovers

VATICAN CITY (From Italian broadcasts). March 6.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII, recovered from a slight illness, arranged today for ceremonies March 12 on the third anniversary of his coronation.

WAR MAP ALASKA

• A full-page, colored map of Alaska and the North Pacific Ocean, showing the strategic location of Alaska with reference both to Asia and the American mainland. Indicated are the principal American, Japanese and Russian ports in the North Pacific and bomber-flying times between them... Get this fine map in the MAGAZINE SECTION —of— THE SUNDAY TIMES

Flying Fortresses, Helpless on Ground, Destroyed by Japs

By HAROLD GUARD United Press Staff Correspondent

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 6.—United States heavy bomber squadrons were removed from the island of Java last week-end by American airmen because lack of fighter protection made it impossible to continue the punishing blows they had dealt the Japanese throughout the East Indies campaign. The Japanese, smashing into Allied defenses as I left Java aboard a war plane, apparently were making every effort to speed up conquest of Dutch territory to concentrate their offensive strength in the south—toward Australia—before the Allies can complete mobilization of their fighting power here.

These are the outstanding impressions I carried from Java after weeks of reporting the day-by-day advance of enemy forces down the Malay Peninsula and across the rich Netherlands East Indies. The American Air Force based at secret airbases, cleverly hidden in the Java mountains, fought magnificently. American pilots checked the Japanese invasion for at least a week by battering attacks on the enemy at sea and on land.

Gradually the enemy's numerical superiority in fighter planes made itself felt. It was understood that a number of United States planes were destroyed on the ground last week when they were sorely needed and that fighter-plane reinforcements had not arrived as expected.

That was why it was necessary to remove some United States airplanes from the area to avoid their being picked off on the ground by the machine guns of enemy fighter planes.

Men of the Air Force did not hide their anger over conditions which made it necessary for them to leave when they were needed badly, but even on the afternoon of our departure the Japanese dropped calling cards (bombs) in the center of the field where a number of United States planes were expected to arrive.

Java's trouble was the same as Malaya's. There were numbers of Royal Air Force flyers as well as American pilots in Java when I left, but they had nothing to fly. They had hammered the enemy relentlessly but they could not go on indefinitely without reinforcements.

The cost of operating heavy bombers without adequate fighter protection is obvious. The anti-aircraft protection in Java—sometimes less effective than it had been in Malaya—was not sufficient to prevent the eventual loss of the big ships if they were left on the island.

High Command Moved

I left Djokja, in Southwest Java, on Sunday in my second retirement before Japanese troops. (Guard left Singapore last month on a ship that was bombed heavily from the air as the Japanese closed in on that city.)

I visited Allied Headquarters earlier, but found that the High Command had moved to Singapore.

BUILDING OF PLANES AND SHIPS LAGS

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Shortages of materials are threatening the nation's chances of achieving President Roosevelt's "blueprints for victory" goals, W. H. Harrison, War Production Board production director, said today.

In planes and shipbuilding, major elements in the President's program, steel and aluminum shortages have cut output below Harrison's hopes, he told a press conference, adding that some of the lag in shipbuilding might never be caught up.

The President has asked production of 60,000 war planes and 8,000,000 tons of shipping this year. Saying that shipbuilding particularly might fall short of the goal, Harrison declared, however, that it was equally possible that a production speed-up could surpass it.

Harrison said that while shipyards turned out almost a ship a day in February, the output in terms of expectations was "somewhat disappointing."

"I'm sure it was not more than ten ships behind in February," Harrison added. He placed the blame for the February and March shipbuilding lag on the slowness of steel-plate deliveries by the steel industry last October and November.

Plane production also could be ahead of its present rate, Harrison added, "if we had the materials." Steps have been taken, Harrison declared, to eliminate the supply bottlenecks.

"The limiting factor is material at the moment throughout the whole program," he continued. "Most of the disappointments result from material shortages."

Stock Prices Break To Four-Year Lows

NEW YORK, March 6.—Stocks broke to the lowest general levels in four years today on losses running to more than 3 points in the main list and to 9 points in senior utility shares.

The decline was accompanied by an increase in trading to around 600,000 shares. Selling raked virtually all sections of the list. (See Page 28 for further details.)

Caulkers' wage demand unauthorized, says union. Page 10.

Nazis scrap 40-hour week in Paris' triple output. Page 2.

Dental Building bonds to be paid off. Page 28.

Inland route to Alaska rapped. Page 3.

EX-CONVICT CAPTURED IN ROBBERY

An ex-convict, who had bound and robbed a woman in her apartment, was captured in the North Broadway District this forenoon after a 10-block chase in which several shots were fired at him as he fled over a garage roof and through alleys and backyards.

The prisoner, booked as George V. Drake, 32-year-old Negro, 1534 23rd Ave., confessed later to Detective Capt. Clyde V. Bailey that he held up two women and a man last night and escaped with \$60 and

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Whites Try to Buy Them Out at Low Price, Say Japanese

Seattle-born Japanese business men, facing possibilities of losing their establishments through evacuation, are doing business as usual here—but with their fingers crossed.

A few, however, already are conducting "removal sales," and many complain that they are being annoyed by white competitors, who want to buy the Japanese owner's stock at 5 or 10 cents on the dollar, now that the Japanese are faced with evacuation.

The Japanese know not at what time the government will order them to leave Seattle immediately. Neither do they know how long they will have to dispose of their stocks.

Though Seattle's American-born Japanese are facing heavy losses, they ask no sympathy. They say their greatest heartache is the severe blow to their pride in citizenship.

"Because we are good Americans and have been taught the American spirit, we can take it," said one. "We are anxious to do our part. It is a very small sacrifice for the right to be an American."

Presidents' Names Taken

A typical situation is that of the Beppu brothers, who operate a fishing-tackle store at 600 Third Ave. Named after Presidents, they are Taft, Lincoln and Grant Beppu. They have a younger brother, Monroe Beppu, who is in the United States Army. All were born in Seattle.

They have been in business eight years and were about to reap the profits of the approaching fishing season. Because of their business record, much of their stock will be taken back to wholesalers at no loss. However, there is a great deal of other stock, which might be tied up for the duration.

"We do not want to be idle," said Taft. "We want to do our part. If we are sent inland, there won't be much to do in the fishing-tackle business. But whatever the government wants us to be, farmers, carpenters, ranchers or apple pickers, we'll do our best."

"We want to do something in which we best will be serving our country. We don't want sympathy; we want to put our shoulders to the wheel."

Mits and George Kashiwagi, operators of clothing stores at 615 Jackson St. and 308 Main St., have had several offers, which would net them about 10 per cent of their stock's value. But they said they rather would have the government take over their business than to sell at such a loss.

The Kashiwagi brothers are classified 3-A by the Selective (Continued on Page 12, Column 4.)

\$30,000 FIRE RAZES MILL IN NORTH END

Fire, believed of incendiary origin, raged through the Kenmore Lumber Company's \$30,000 sawmill shortly after 4:30 o'clock this morning, destroying the plant despite efforts of the Bothell Fire Department.

Bryce Little, Seattle attorney and treasurer of the lumber company, said the plant, two and one-half miles west of Bothell on the Bothell Highway, was valued at \$30,000, only about one-third of which was covered by insurance.

Fire Chief Claude Dutton of Bothell said the mill, a building 40 feet wide and 150 feet long, was a mass of flames within a few minutes.

Little said prompt and efficient action of the Bothell department, however, saved a nearby planer, mill and stocks of lumber.

The fire was discovered by a passerby as he drove toward Seattle. Dutton said the man, whose identity was not learned, telephoned him from a nearby service station, saying a "small" fire had started near a sawdust pile.

Dutton said he believes the fire was incendiary because of the rapidity with which the blaze gained headway. He said his department had been called to put out small fires at the mill on several other occasions that were no larger than the one reported by the passerby this morning.

On previous occasions the blazes were easily extinguished, he said. Dutton said the department had to lay nearly a quarter of a mile of hose in order to pump water from the lake on the fire.

He said reports already have been made to state officials and that an investigation probably would be opened today.

Little said members of the company hope to rebuild the mill, if costs are not prohibitive and materials are available.

Tom Mooney dies in San Francisco. Page 3.

"LABOR THINKS FOR ITSELF —the American Way"

HEAR JUDGE DEVIN KOMO - - 9:30

Also Hear Keith Peabody —KJR—6:10

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Steinhardt in Ankara

ANKARA, Turkey, March 5.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Laurence A. Steinhardt, new United States ambassador to Turkey, arrived today to take over his post. He was accompanied by Mrs. Steinhardt and their daughter.

