

'HAY-FOOT, STRAW-FOOT' GIRLS . . . A. P. Wirephotos

ARMY NURSES DRILL FOR WAR



IN SAN FRANCISCO Part of a platoon of Army nurses marched in full wartime regalia yesterday as part of their regular drill routine.—A. P. wirephoto.

In Australia



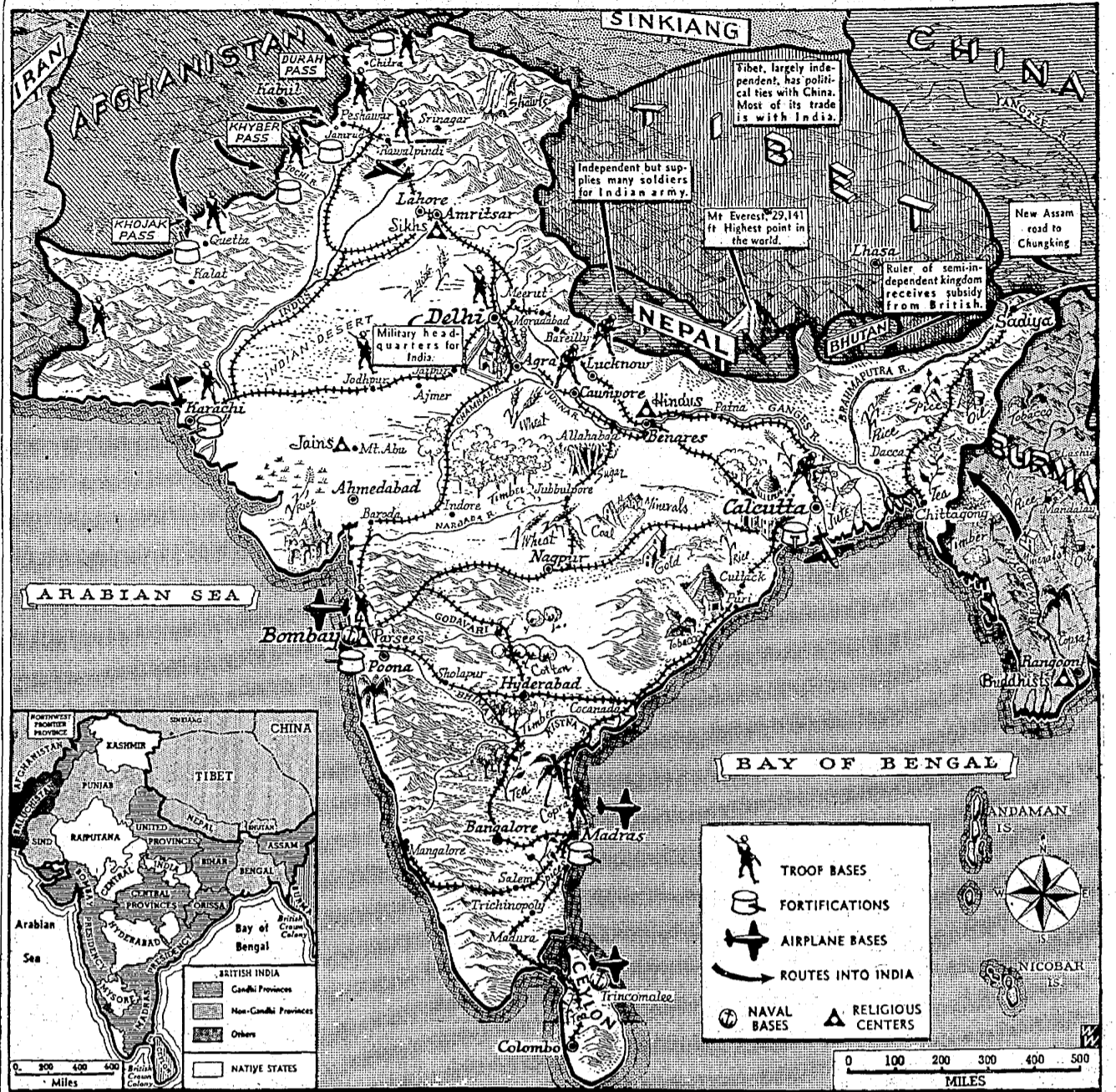
WITH MacARTHUR

The United States Navy announced in Washington yesterday that Rear Adm. Francis W. Rockwell (above), who was commandant of the 16th Naval District and the Cavite Navy Yard, in the Philippines, had reached Australia with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and is now in Melbourne.—A. P. wirephoto.

Tirpitz Reported Back at Trondheim

LONDON, March 20.—Germany's crack battleship, the 35,000-ton Tirpitz, has returned to its base at Trondheim, authoritative reports said today. The Tirpitz was attacked by British torpedo planes, presumably in the Narvik area, some days ago. Also at Trondheim, reports said, are the Nazi pocket-battleship, Admiral Scheer, and the 10,000-ton cruiser, Prinz Eugen. The Eugen is known to be damaged.

CAN INDIA WITHSTAND AN 'ARYAN' INVASION?



By PAUL J. C. FRIEDLANDER
Wide World Service
INDIA is bracing herself now for a possible invasion from the Aryan (according to Hitler) Germans from the west and from the Aryan (also according to Hitler) Japanese from the east. Three thousand years ago India

was overwhelmed by a real Aryan (ethnologically speaking) invasion. Many of the tangled problems that make her proposed independence a headache—both to England and India—can be traced to that first invasion. In a generally tropical country as large as that of the United

States east of the Rocky Mountains, 350,000,000 people representing more than 45 races speak 225 languages, are separated into 2,400 castes and tribes, and practice nine major religions. Eleven provinces have some measure of supervised self-government, while 562 Indian states are ruled by Indian princes. How to compromise all these conflicts is the India problem—then how to keep them compromised under an independent native government.

Hindus. But the Hindus are divided by their religion, which is really a caste system of society, topped by the supreme Brahmins and reaching down to 50 million untouchables. It is this system the Hindus received from their first Aryan invasion. The lighter-skinned Aryans set up castes to prevent intermarriage with natives. The complicated form of worship they invented to bulwark their caste system eventually developed into Hinduism.

RECLUSE'S NEW HAT!



IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY Last week Alice Jones, the rich recluse, who lives in a tumble-down tenement, was robbed of \$10,000 she had hidden away. Now she is deluged with offers and advice on how to spend the other \$70,000 she has left in 14 different banks, but the only spending spree she has permitted herself is for the new spring bonnet she admires in the mirror of her purse.—A. P. wirephoto.

British opponents of independence assert it can't be done. Indian independence leaders say it can. Indian moderates aren't sure; Indian minorities are worried about what would happen to their rights under Hindu majority control.

Winston Churchill has sent Sir Stafford Cripps to India with another offer of independence—after the war—the government's scheme can "win a reasonable and practical measure of acceptance."

In 1939 Mohandas K. Gandhi, nominal head of the Congress Party (Hindu movement for complete, immediate independence) rejected talk of protecting minority rights until after freedom was achieved. A year later Gandhi feared civil war from the Moslems' militant attitude.

Congress Party leftists then threatened civil war to prevent a possible compromise with the British, and Sir Hugh O'Neill, Parliamentary undersecretary for India, told Commons Britain would not grant India complete independence. Later that year, Britain promised India free and equal partnership in her empire. The India problem goes round and round like a whirling dervish.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, now active leader of the Congress Party, demands freedom without dominion status and says he represents most of India's 240 million

THE Moslem League wants Moslem independence from the Hindus and the rest of India as well as from England, with the northeast territories as their own independent state. The Sikhs, the warrior tribes who live there, object, along with Hindus and other minorities of that section.

The Parsis, descendants of early Persian settlers in India, who constitute most of the capitalist class, can't go along with Nehru's Congress because they fear his pledge to socialize Indian industry and his interest in Marxism and Russian Communism.

In the meantime, the untouchables are struggling with the help of enlightened members of the higher castes to lift their caste restrictions. In a crowded thoroughfare of a modern city it is difficult to keep an untouchable or his shadow from touching a Brahmin.

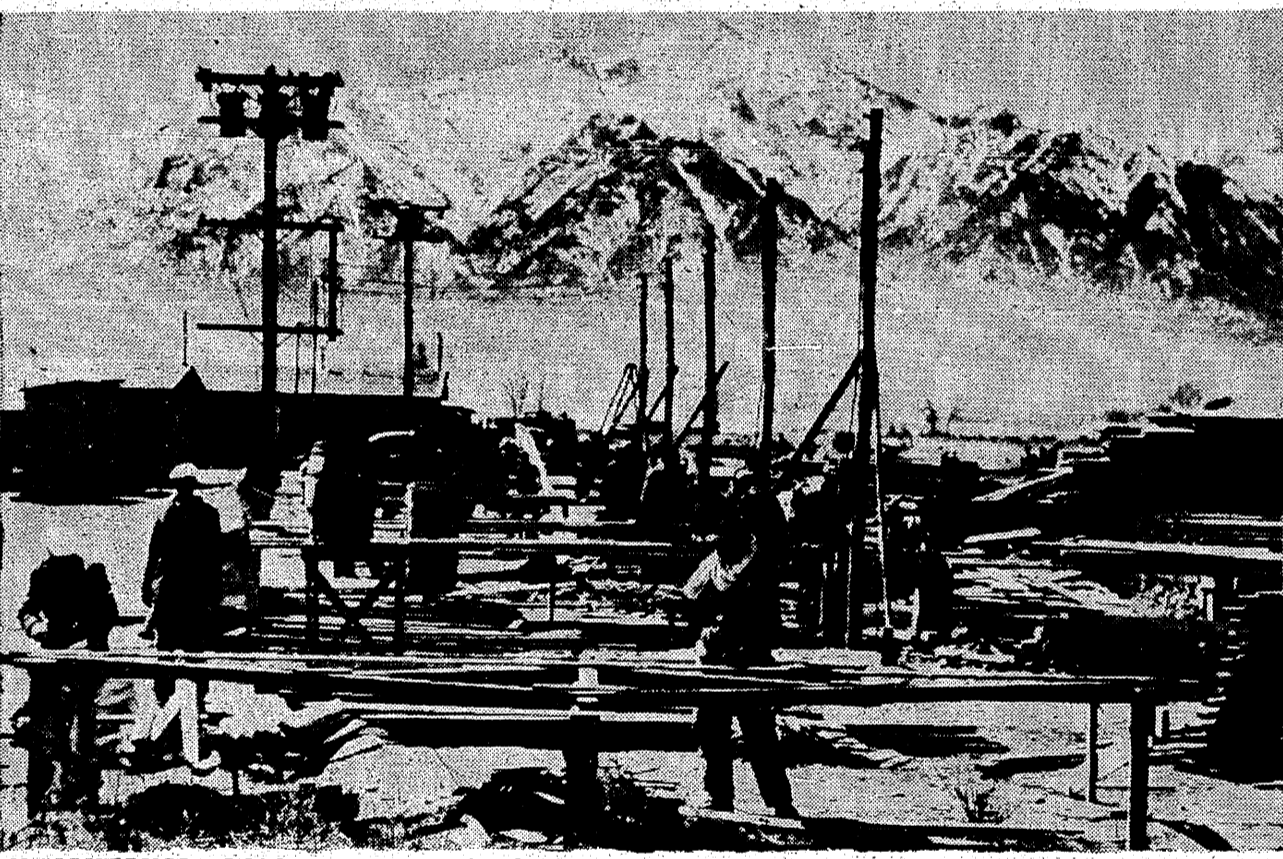
But an orthodox Brahmin must purify himself with elaborate ceremonies if this happens and the untouchable is wise to avoid his wrath.

FLOODED BARNYARD



IN EAST AMHERST, N. Y., YESTERDAY Arthur McCrea leads Rose, his cow, to higher—and dryer—ground after floodwaters from Tonawanda Creek inundated his farm. The stream was receding today, but many sectors were under water.—A. P. wirephoto.

WHERE 10,000 JAPANESE WILL LIVE



IN MANZANAR, CALIF., YESTERDAY The snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada tower in the West as workmen rush construction of the huge reception center in the Owens Valley to receive the first of the 10,000 evacuated Japanese from Southern California. Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt of the Western Defense Command commanded 6,020 acres for the boom town. The project will be completed in 60 days.—A. P. wirephoto.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—When 1,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans leave Los Angeles voluntarily early next week for an alien-reception center, they will start the largest orderly mass movement of civilians in history, the Western Defense Command Wartime Civilian-Control Board said today. The Japanese evacuees from Los Angeles, headed for Manzanar, re-

they erected one barracks and started the framework for an administration building and a 150-bed hospital. Speed is essential. The project is scheduled to be completed in 60 days. The first 1,000 Japanese are due Monday. Japanese will raise farm and garden products. Long unused irrigation ditches, which two decades ago furnished water for fruit growing, are being reopened.

DEL CAMPO GETS FLYER'S WINGS



IN HOLLYWOOD YESTERDAY Manuel Del Campo, wearing the insignia of a pilot officer as well as the wings certifying he is a Royal Canadian Air Force flyer, arrived in the film capital to visit his actress-wife, Mary Astor. Del Campo is an actors' agent in civilian life. Upon his return he will train as an amphibian pilot.—A. P. wirephoto.