

Allies Plan Knockout, Churchill Declares

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pare for war, he added: "If Germany had tried to invade Britain in June, 1940, and Japan had declared war on the United States the same day, no one can say what disaster might have come."

Churchill said that within 18 months the production in the United States "will produce results in war and power beyond anything that has been seen" and that by "the end of 1942 we will be quite definitely in a better position than we are now."

By 1943, he said, production "will enable us to assume the initiative on an ample scale." Applause halted his remarks.

Admits Long War Ahead

The British leader said he and President Roosevelt did not hesitate to forecast a "long and hard war" because "our people would rather know the truth."

With the spirit which has developed he said it did not matter if it was 1942, 43 or 44. The task ahead, he said, is "not beyond our strength and endurance as long as we have faith in our own cause."

"Mighty strokes of war already have been dealt against the enemy," he continued and with mention of Russian victories, the audience again applauded at length. Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian ambassador, sat unsmiling.

African Mop-Up Envisaged. For the first time since the war began, Churchill declared, the British had been able to fight the axis forces with equal weapons in Africa.

"For the first time," he said, "we have made the Hun feel the sharp edge of the tools with which he had subjugated Europe."

He noted that the axis had about 150,000 men in Africa, one-third of them German. "The British had set out to destroy this army," he said, adding: "I have every reason to believe this aim will be fully accomplished."

Huns to Get Own Medicine. Churchill was glad, he went on, to be able to stand before congress and say, shortly after American entry into the war, that the British were able to prove that, with equal weapons, they could "beat the life out of the savage Hun."

Hardly pausing for the applause that came from his listeners, Churchill went on to say that the same kind of medicine had to be given the axis forces wherever they might be encountered. There were "glad tidings" from the blue waters of the Atlantic, too, he said with a smile.

Sea Lifeline Stronger. The supply lifeline from the United States across the ocean to Britain—far from being decimated by enemy attack—was "incomparably stronger" than ever before and was growing even stronger.

He has found in this country, he said, "an inflexible purpose" which indicated to him that this nation had a "well-grounded confidence in the final outcome" of the war.

Churchill cautioned, however, against underestimating the "severity of the ordeal" which lay ahead for both Britain and the United States.

"The forces arrayed against us are enormous," he declared, adding that they were ruthless as well. Assailing the "wicked men" who had brought these forces in to play, Churchill said they "know they will be called to terrible account if they cannot beat down by force of arms the peoples they have assailed."

Because his mother was an American, he said, the experience of addressing congress was "one of the most thrilling in my life."

Churchill said the present war could have been averted five years ago without shedding a drop of blood, if this country and England had forced Germany to abide by her signed agreement.

With scorn the speaker referred in passing to the "boastful Mussolini," who, he said has "crumpled already" and "is nothing but a vasa and a serf." His listeners laughed.

As he left the senate, Churchill held up his right hand with the first two fingers forming a "V" and the crowd roared.

Remnants at Hongkong Give Up to Japanese

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1932 Olympic games at Los Angeles and was third in the same event at Berlin in 1936. He finished fifth in the latter race.

With the fall of Britain's Hongkong Island, where Japanese attacks cut off the garrison's water supply, allied attention swung toward the defense of Singapore.

British troops were reported holding the Japanese along a peninsula-wide line about 300 miles north of that naval base.

Free French Grabs Two Isles Off Newfoundland

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so reported "complete surprise." (The British radio quoted the Berlin radio as reporting that Admiral Darlan of the Vichy government had gone to Toulon, big French Mediterranean naval base, where several major units of the French fleet are berthed.) (Canadian officials, vitally concerned, said they were taken by surprise by the seizure, but Prime Minister King said as he left for Washington on a pre-arranged visit that neither did Canada have any knowledge of the agreement Washington declared endangered.)

LONDON, Dec. 26—(AP)—The French national committee (Free French) charged today that it was "common knowledge" that the radio at St. Pierre, when it was under Vichy domination, "was broadcasting meteorological information useful to the enemy."

St. Pierre is the seat of the administration of the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon off the southern coast of Newfoundland, which naval forces of the Free French have taken out of Vichy control.

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Dec. 26—(AP)—The French declared here today that they "welcomed with satisfaction" the United States state department's condemnation of the DeGaulle occupation of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

They added that "the Washington and Ottawa governments, in the state of their relations with the French government, cannot admit any new blow against the existing situation."

It was asserted that the DeGaulle action depends on "the decision of the anglo-saxon countries" and "France consequently counts on prompt reestablishment of the situation existing before Dec. 25 to give her satisfaction."

Manila Declared "Open" As Battle Fury Mounts

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Civil officials at the mountain-top summer capital Baguio, 140 miles north of Manila, were likewise empowered to designate their city undefended.

There was some doubt, however, whether Baguio had not already fallen to the Japanese, who were reported driving swiftly against it from two directions. Many Americans, including women and children, were feared trapped in the city.

Dispatches from Manila said that the invaders were advancing by sheer weight of numbers and that some of the Japanese were boys 15 to 18 years old, equipped with light .25 caliber rifles or submachineguns. An American officer said the .25 caliber bullet

Stock and Bond Averages

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would not kill a man unless it struck in a vital spot.

Dutch Sink Three Jap Boats

Simultaneously, dispatches from Batavia said Dutch warplanes slashing at sea-borne Japanese invasion forces had sunk two Japanese transports and a destroyer.

The destroyer and one transport were sunk off Kuching, the capital of tiny Sarawak, North Borneo, where the Japanese have landed in force and apparently captured Kuching, only 45 miles across the south China sea from Singapore.

The other transport was sunk by a plane on a reconnaissance flight, a Dutch communique said. The communique said that in an air-raid on a Dutch airdrome in the outer possessions yesterday morning a heavy Japanese bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft guns.

"Bombardment of one of our local airdromes by Japanese bombers caused only a little material damage. The airdrome, however, cannot be used for the time being. No persons were killed or wounded," it said.

An admiralty statement said that six additional members of the crew were saved from a Dutch submarine which struck a mine and sank.

Allies Mobilizing. Meanwhile, Australia's Prime Minister John Curtin hinted that momentous counter-measures are under way by Britain, the United States and other allied powers to reverse Japan's offensive advantage in the Pacific.

"We are mobilizing the allies against the axis," he said. Curtin said he could not disclose the precise form of the new allied movement, already launched, but declared he was greatly encouraged by growing reinforcements.

Concurrent with Curtin's announcement was official word from Chungking, China, that in meeting there this week United States, British and Chinese army leaders have reached "complete harmony of views" and formed a military council for prosecution of the war against Japan.

General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander in chief of British forces in India; Maj. Gen. George H. Brett, chief of the U. S. army air corps; and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek took part with other officers in discussions of "every aspect of the campaign in the Far East," a British embassy communique said.

Rate Boost on Water Borne Lumber Approved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—(AP)—The interstate commerce commission ruled today that an increase of 50 cent a 1,000 feet in rates on lumber shipments by water between ports in Oregon and Washington and ports in California was "not unreasonable or otherwise unlawful."

The increased rates became effective last June 11 but the ICC continued an investigation into their reasonableness.

The office of Price administration and civilian supply opposed the higher rates, contending they were unreasonable and would result in inflationary price levels on lumber and would adversely affect national defense activities.

The commission said, however, that the increased freight rates represented only a relatively small part of the delivered price

of lumber shipped from ports in Oregon and Washington and therefore would not result in an inflationary price.

Nazi Slain in Russia in Week Put at 34,000

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described it as a "serious" and "more of a wartime Christmas" than before.

Libyan Mop-Up Continues. On the North African front, British headquarters reported that more than 13,000 axis prisoners had already been removed to the rear and that British troops were inflicting heavy losses on German General Rommel's forces attempting to retreat near Agedabia, 60 miles south of British-captured Bengasi.

Cairo dispatches said "isolated" About ten million trees are tapped for maple sugar in the United States every year.

bodies in various stages of disorganization" still remained around Barge and south of Bengasi but "the bulk of the retreating enemy" was being engaged near Agedabia.

Cairo military observers said most of the tanks of General Rommel's fleeing armies had already been wiped out in heavy battles which marked the 340-mile sweep of Britain's desert armies across Libya from the Egyptian frontier to Bengasi.

A small ship seeking to bring supplies to axis forces besieged at Halfaya was hit by British field artillery, caught fire and had to be beached, the communique reported.

Arrive From Visalia—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Radabaugh, of Visalia, Calif., have arrived in Roseburg and will remain over Sunday for the funeral of the former's father, G. P. Radabaugh, which will be held here at two o'clock, December 28, at the Roseburg Undertaking chapel.

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