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How soon will it strike Japan? That's a major question in the U. S. today. It may not be immediately, but it is sure to come ultimately. And the NEWS-REVIEW will keep its readers posted on all printable preparations.

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JAP BOMBERS DEAL DEATH, RUIN TO MANILA, DISREGARDING "OPEN CITY" DECLARATION

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS PROBABLY the best commentary on Churchill is that no one is surprised to hear that he is in Washington, conferring with Roosevelt on the future conduct of the war.

He has always been that way. Roosevelt, also. THEY are going about it in the best American manner. (Churchill is half American, you know.)

If two big outfits in this country had a job to do between them, their first move would be to get their head men together to talk it over, iron out difficulties arising out of differing methods and then get down to business.

That is what is being done in Washington.

TODAY'S (Tuesday's) Washington dispatches point out that the questions before Roosevelt and Churchill include:

Global strategy for synchronized allied action.

A supreme allied high command.

A formal alliance of all allied foes.

PERHAPS we'd better simplify Question No. 1, which is stated in the double-jointed words so dear to the hearts of the diplomats.

What is meant is this: This is a world war. Its strategy must be world-wide. There must be no independent, unrelated forays by any of the forces opposing Hitler. Whatever is done must have back of it the idea of TEAM WORK.

Few football games have been won by players going off on their own.

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Nearly Complete Tire Famine Faced By Auto Owners

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The nation's 32,000,000-odd motor car owners today faced an almost complete tire famine.

The office of price administration cracked down all the way in a new rationing program, denying the vitally needed rubber not only to the Sunday pleasure driver, but to taxicabs, traveling salesmen and many commercial truckers.

The cut-off of crude rubber from the far eastern plantations may easily take millions of automobiles—with worn tires—from city street and rural highway.

Price Administrator Henderson—cognizant of the needs of the armed forces for a war of nobody knows how long a duration—yesterday issued regulations for local tire rationing boards which start operation January 5.

These regulations ban the issuance of purchasing certificates for new tires or tubes except to those coming within seven distinct classifications.

STRATEGY CONFERENCES OPEN IN WASHINGTON

All Countries Opposing Axis Represented

U. S., Britain Already in Accord on Initial Steps Toward Victory Drive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt scheduled eight major war strategy conferences today and invited Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain to sit with him at six of them.

Starting off with a gathering of American army chiefs, the meetings embraced engagements with representatives of all the American republics, all nations arrayed against Germany, Japan and Italy, and even some of the German-occupied countries, including Norway, Belgium and Denmark.

The inclusion of Denmark came as somewhat of a surprise since that country, unlike most of the other occupied European nations, has no refugee government.

The conferences, designed primarily to inform anti-axis nations and those within the western hemisphere solidarity group of the progress of unified world-wide war steps, began with the president receiving Secretary of War Stimson, General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Major General Henry H. Arnold, deputy chief of staff in charge of air. This meeting was in the White House proper and concerned American problems only.

At noon in the White House the president, with Churchill attending, arranged to receive the diplomatic chiefs of all the South and Central American republics.

Soviet Envoy Included

Half an hour later the Chinese ambassador was to see the president, and perhaps, Churchill.

Later the president and British prime minister planned to see Maxim Litvinoff, the soviet ambassador.

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Japan's Loss of Ships So Far More Than One a Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Japan is losing troop and supply ships at the rate of more than one a day, fast enough to reduce her great merchant marine to insignificance in two years if losses go unchecked in a Pacific naval war of attrition.

United States and Dutch army, navy and air reports for the first three weeks of the war list 26 Japanese merchant vessels as sunk or seriously damaged by submarine or air attacks in Philippine, Borneo and Malayan waters despite heavy naval and air escort.

Although Japan has 23 shipyards with 69 berths for construction of large craft, her steel resources are limited and building facilities are believed to be far below what would be necessary to make up for even half of such a rate of losses.

At the start of the war Japan's merchant fleet was third largest in the world, trailing those of Britain and the United States. In sea-going vessels of 2,000 tons or more it consisted of 898 ships of 4,754,699 gross tons. Of these, 717 were freighters, 132 were combination passenger-cargo ships, 49 were tankers and two were primarily refrigerated cargo vessels.

Britain had 2,644 ships of 16,806,379 tons and the United States had 1,150 ships of 7,078,909 tons.

U. S. Defender of Burma Road



Col. Claire L. Chennault, above, retired U. S. army officer, commands the international air force of American volunteers fighting the Japanese to keep the vital Burma road open for China. For the last four years, Chennault, native of Louisiana, has been acting as an adviser to the Chinese air force. His group has bagged a number of Japanese planes attempting to raid the Burma road.

Minesweeper Damaged Off Columbia River

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The U. S. S. Nightingale, a minesweeper, was beached in shoal water at the mouth of the Columbia river yesterday after striking a floating, non-military object.

The 13th naval district headquarters here announced the accident last night, but said that all 13 men aboard the 85-foot converted fishing boat escaped without injury. Ensign Burr Odell, commander, ordered the Nightingale beached, the district headquarters said, after the accident "threatened to endanger the ship." Salvage attempts will be made.

Collision of Autos Kills Klamath Woman

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Della Marple, 26, was fatally injured early today in a collision 12 miles south of here on the Weed highway. Her death in a hospital here raised Klamath county's traffic toll to 21 for the year.

National Ensign Still Waves Over Sunken U. S. Battleship



Resting on bottom in the shallow waters of Pearl harbor after the treacherous Japanese attack Dec. 7 dealt her a mortal blow, the U. S. battleship Arizona still proudly carries "Old Glory." This is an official U. S. navy photo. (NEA Telephoto.)

Reds Trying To Lift Siege Of Sevastopol

Nazi Claim Four Troop Ships Sunk; Invaders in North Further Repulsed

By the Associated Press An attempt by Russia's Red armies to storm back into the east Crimean city of Kerch and ultimately to lift the eight-week-old siege of Sevastopol was indicated by the German high command today in a bulletin reporting that nazl-bombers had sunk four soviet troop transports and damaged five others in the narrow straits of Kerch.

The straits lie between the Caucasus mainland and Kerch on the German-overrun Crimean peninsula.

The nazis suffered "heavy losses in men and material," indicating it was a sizable Russian expeditionary force.

Heavy fighting has been reported raging at the approaches to Sevastopol for the past week. Only yesterday, a soviet communique reported that 20,000 German troops had been killed in a six-day battle on the outer defenses of the big Black sea naval base.

Reds Keep Nazis on Run

Troops to the north, Russian forces battling to end the five-month-old siege of Leningrad were reported to have killed more than 6,000 Germans and recaptured 32 additional villages.

A Red army bulletin said the invaders had been driven in headlong retreat from the Volkhov area, 80 miles southeast of Leningrad, and the Moscow radio subsequently reported that Russian troops had advanced more than 20 miles beyond Volkovo.

After weeks of grim silence on the Russian campaign, Adolf Hitler's field headquarters asserted that the battered German armies were now counter-attacking, and it may be that the fuhrer, in personal command, has signalled that the "strategic withdrawal" has gone far enough.

Activity in Libya

Several hundred more axis prisoners have been captured and a large ammunition dump seized.

Americans in 2 Chinese Cities in Jap Custody

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The state department was informed today that Americans in Swatow and Amoy, in Japanese-occupied China, had been taken into custody by the Japanese military authorities, and were being well treated.

Americans taken into custody at Swatow are believed to number 60 in addition to Kenneth Years of Washington, D. C., the American consul there.

At Amoy, according to the last census of Americans in China, there were 29 Americans, and Leland C. Altaffer, Toledo, Ohio, is the American vice consul there.

Lipstick Type of Kisses Urged to Dodge War Ban

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Don't take Britain's new wartime edict too seriously, girls. You know, the one forbidding soldiers and sailors to make little rows of kiss crosses at the bottom of their letter.

That's the suggestion of Jane Wyman, honorary top sergeant of battery F, third coast artillery and self-acclaimed kissing champion of Hollywood.

The British war office wasn't trying to discourage romance. The edict was a safeguard against the possibility of military information being given in code through kiss crosses.

That's where Jane popped up. Her kisses have been censored before, by the Hays office, but she figures it'll be easier to get around the war office.

"Kisses that won't tell secrets—well, any but love secrets," exclaimed Jane. "Lipstick. Indelible lipstick's the solution."

"You know, lipstick kisses. I wish every girl who writes to a soldier would send them. Men in the service are the important ones. Give 'em kisses, girls."

"And don't forget the sailors. I hear they like kisses."

Jane easily qualified as Hollywood's queen of osculation recently.

She kissed actor Regis Toomey, oh, so romantically, for 3 minutes and 5 seconds, smashing the Ann Sheridan-George Brent record.

Then she all but bowled over tough man Edward G. Robinson with a smack so hard it broke one of his front teeth. Well, that's her story.

Bond Offered First U. S. Flier to Blast Tokyo

AKRON, O., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Akron Motion Picture Operators union has bought a \$250 defense bond to present to the first American aviator to drop a bomb in Tokyo.

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Raid Warning Service Vital To America

Operation of System Explained, Stressed by Interceptor Unit Head

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, commander of the second interceptor command, explaining the air raid warning service and its purposes in the Pacific northwest, pointed out today that the system is now operating on a full war-time basis. Describing how it works, he said:

"The air raid warning service is a scientifically operated plan for air defense which has saved the life of England."

"It means that planes can wait on ground alert instead of in the air. It means that one pursuit plane, ready to take off, can do the work it would require 16 to do on air alert or air patrol."

"On receipt of word that an unidentified flight is approaching a given locale, our information center checks to see if they are our own ships, or those of the enemy, or civilian airplanes. If in the process of elimination there is no identification, the approaching planes are classified as enemy ships."

"Pursuit ships are dispatched to intercept them while they are still a very long distance away. The basic plan of interception is to intercept an enemy mission before he reaches his target. If the contact is made, the enemy will not be seen over the city which is his target."

Challenge Goes To All

"Other things may happen after this first warning. The identification process, continuing, may establish that it is not an enemy formation, much as a patrolman, finding a stranger as he walks his beat, may find that he is not a robber but a responsible citizen"

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Cry For Help From America Broadcast as Flames Sweep Shattered Islands Capital

Casualties From Stab-in-Back Attack of Nearly Three Hours, Spread All Over the Islands, So Far Uncounted; Invaders Pour Fresh Troops Into Land Campaign.

By the Associated Press Japanese bombers heavily attacked Manila today, leaving untold numbers dead and great fires raging, 24 hours after the Philippine capital had been officially declared an open, undefended city.

Not a shot was fired in return. As first dispatches trickling out of the bomb-torn capital pictured the city in flames, the war department reported that Japan's sea-borne invasion hordes were pouring reinforcements north and southeast of Manila.

The communique said fleets of enemy troopships were landing fresh troops in the Lingayen gulf area, 110 miles north of the capital, and at Atimonan, 75 miles south of Manila.

"Very heavy fighting" is in progress on the Atimonan front, on the southeast shore of Lamon bay, the war department said. Heavy aerial attacks were reported all over the islands, and from Manila, Bert Silen, NBC broadcaster declared:

"The cry is for help—help from America. And if this does not come soon, all of us have resigned ourselves to the inevitable..."

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Walter Fisher Named on Tire Rationing Board

SALEM, Dec. 27.—(AP)—O. L. Price of Portland was appointed chairman of the Oregon automobile tire rationing committee yesterday.

Governor Sprague also named Ralph C. Parker, Portland, vice chairman; Walter S. Fisher, Roseburg; Mrs. B. F. Smith, Burns, and Hector MacPherson, Corvallis as other members.

An advisory committee, composed of Portlanders representing trade and consumer groups, also was named, and will meet with the rationing committee Monday.

The rationing committee is expected to assume duties Jan. 5, when the ban on tire sales is lifted.

Consumers wishing to purchase rationed articles will be required to show a certificate from a rationing committee before the purchase can be completed, it was explained.

Governor Sprague today asked D. N. Busenbark, chairman of the Douglas county defense council, to recommend two men and one woman to comprise the local rationing committee. Their first duty will be to handle the allocation of automobile tires and tubes after January 5.