

Jap Bombers Rain Ruin, Death on "Open" Manila

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without pause until 3:15 p. m. Other reports said the raid lasted an hour less.

While Tokyo remained silent on the assault, the German radio asserted that "the Japanese military does not recognize that Manila is to be treated as an open city."

The broadcast gave the explanation that "because that decision was taken by General MacArthur without consultation with the Philippine population, the Japanese could not agree to an open-city designation."

City Left Defenseless.

There appeared to be no legitimate excuse. The city had been stripped of its anti-aircraft defenses. All American troops and marines had long since withdrawn, in accordance with General MacArthur's designation of the city as "open" to save the populace from further suffering.

While Tokyo had given no word regarding General MacArthur's proclamation, the Japanese-controlled Saigon radio said yesterday that as from December 25 Japan was "considering Manila as an open city."

Moreover, waves of Japanese planes had flown over Manila yesterday, apparently to test MacArthur's statement that the capital was no longer defended—and met no opposition.

Even the Germans refrained from attacking Paris after the French capital was proclaimed "open" shortly before the fall of France last year.

Significantly, General MacArthur's proclamation contained this paragraph:

"In order that no excuse may be given for a possible mistake, the American high commissioner, the commonwealth government and all combatant military installations will be withdrawn from its (Manila's) environs as rapidly as possible."

Dispatches from Manila late yesterday said this pledge had been fulfilled.

There were reports of increased Japanese pressure on the Atimonan front and a total gain of 20 miles or more by invasion forces driving south from the Lingayen gulf area toward Manila.

Baugo, the commonwealth's summer capital, still was in American hands up to this morning, high military sources said, and was being defended by American regulars guarding roads leading into the mountains both from the north and south from the Lingayen gulf shore.

Fire and bombs ruined many of the Manila's most ancient religious institutions but by sundown the flames appeared to have been confined to an area of about six blocks.

The dead among Manila's inhabitants were estimated tentatively at about 50 and scores of others were wounded—most of them by a direct hit on the roof of the treasury building.

New Chief at Singapore. Meanwhile Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Pownall, 53-year-old artillery specialist who formerly was vice-chief of Britain's imperial general staff, took over command of British far east headquarters at Singapore from Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, with checking of the Malayan invasion as his first major task.

Pownall, who had been boosted over the heads of 100 higher-ranking officers from a colonelcy since 1938, was made a full general.

The shake-up climaxed sharp criticism in London newspapers and elsewhere over the conduct of the Malayan campaign. A German broadcast said Japanese troops driving down the Malayan peninsula toward Singapore had broken through British defense lines in an advance so deep that the tin-mining town of Ipoh, 300 miles northwest of Singapore, "now is within the territory of their military operations."

British dispatches, however, said there had been no change in the situation, with fighting continuing in the Perak river area on the west coast and in Trengganu province on the peninsula's east coast.

British-allied Dutch bombers were credited with two more successes in their ship-a-day toll of Japanese vessels—the sinking of the largest ship in an enemy concentration off Kuching and a lighter.

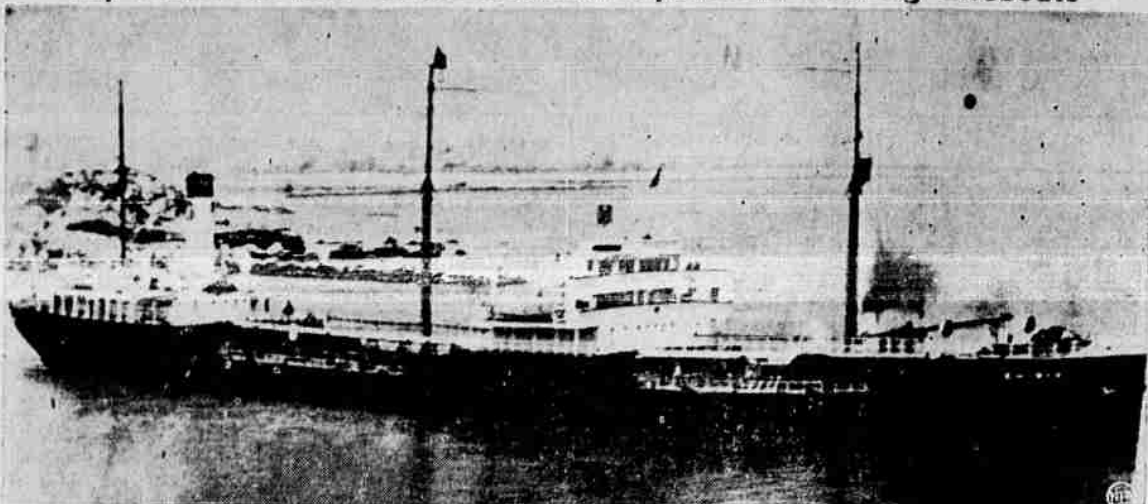
Aneta, the N. E. I. news agency, said the official tally listed Japan's losses at 16 ships sunk and five damaged by Dutch fighting forces in the 21-day-old battle of the Pacific.

Raid Warning Service Vital to U. S. Defense

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on legitimate business. The "all clear" is sounded. "Everything approaching our shores must be challenged and

Jap Attack on This Tanker Included Torpedo and Shelling Lifeboats



The American tanker Emdio, badly crippled by a Japanese torpedo attack 20 miles off the North California coast, not only was hit by torpedoes but its crew members were shelled after they had taken to their lifeboats. Thirty-one crew members landed at Eureka. Several were wounded, and five were missing.

We'll Join the Navy, to Do or Die, Say Seattle Boys



In an apparently unending stream, youths of Washington are shown marching behind a naval recruiting "trick" down a Seattle street to get their enlistments perfected. It is typical of the rush to the colors.

All Prisoners To Get Humane Care, U. S. Tells Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The United States has informed the Japanese government that all Japanese prisoners captured by American armed forces will be treated in accordance with provisions of the prisoner-of-war convention adopted by 47 nations at Geneva in 1929.

While Japan signed but never formally ratified the pact, it was expected here that the Japanese government would grant all American prisoners of war reciprocal fair and humane treatment.

Germany and Italy, Japan's axis partners, signed and ratified the pact and, on the basis of reports from the international Red Cross, are observing its terms in the treatment of British, French and other European prisoners of war.

To carry out the convention's terms the United States government will set up an organization to handle war-prisoner questions in cooperation with Marc Peter, former Swiss minister to Washington, who will represent the International Red Cross here.

The Japanese already hold a number of Americans as prisoners of war, including marines who were stationed at Peipino and Tientsin; the crew of an American gunboat captured at Shanghai and the small but valiant marine garrison on Wake Island.

In expectation that large numbers of Japanese soldiers and sailors will ultimately be captured, the war department already is planning internment camps where Japanese prisoners of war—as distinct from interned Japanese nationals—will be held until exchanged or for the duration of the war.

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Strategy Conferences Open in Washington

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bassador, and Harry L. Hopkins, American lend-lease chief.

In the last conference of the day the president and Churchill will meet with the United States-Great Britain war councils.

The United States and Britain were believed to have reached preliminary agreement on the board's strategy to start rolling toward victory in 1943. Today's meetings were expected to have a direct bearing on the details.

There was reason to believe that arrangements for close Anglo-American cooperation already have been worked out, and it was reported that General Sir John Dill, the retiring chief of staff of the British army, would remain in Washington indefinitely to help assist in coordinating the military efforts of the two nations. Dill came here in Churchill's party.

AUSTRALIA REGARDS U. S. AS CLOSEST WAR PARTNER

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin, in an article written for the Melbourne Herald, declared today that despite Australia's links with Britain her closest partner in war in the Pacific is the United States.

"The government," he said in the article, "regards the Pacific struggle as primarily one in which the United States and Australia should have the fullest say in the direction of the fighting plan."

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Reds Trying to Lift Siege of Sevastopol

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in British mopping-up operations south of captured Bengasi, the British general headquarters at Cairo reported today.

The communique said that despite tough going as a result of rain for more than two days, British forces are harassing the

Defense Workers Must Pay Alaskan School Tax

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Territorial Attorney General Henry Bodin reported today a taxation dispute victory which will mean thousands of dollars to Alaska's coffers.

Roden reported that he was notified by the United States attorney general's office to direct contractors at Alaska's defense bases to collect for the Alaskan school fund the \$5 tax on each employee.

The issue has been raging since summer, when some contractors openly advised employees not to pay the tax.

Return to Eugene—Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watson left Friday for their home in Eugene, following several days here visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Bubar.

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The warning is still real, urgent, and in the exercise of the discipline that an aroused and alert people should have, it means that certain prearranged, prescribed steps must be taken. They should be taken without question and without discussion because they affect the common good of the defense of the entire community.

Warnings, Not Promises

"If it is an enemy formation that has been located, it may be very far from our shores. We do not know in which direction it will turn. It may head north or it may head south, ignoring what seemed to be the original target. If we are mistaken, if we guess wrong, the warning will quickly be followed by an 'all clear.'"

"The second air force presents this explanation in the hope that it will enable the people to understand why there may be warnings. Berlin had three the first day of the war. London had 12."

Attends to Business—D. W. Fate, of Days Creek, was a business visitor in this city Friday.

Stock and Bond Averages

STOCKS Compiled by Associated Press Dec. 27.

Table with columns for Stock Index (30, 15, 15, 60) and values for Saturday, Prev. day, Month ago, Year ago, 1941 high, 1941 low.

Table with columns for Bond Index (20, 10, 10, 10) and values for Saturday, Prev. day, Month ago, Year ago, 1941 high, 1941 low.

Firemen Called Thrice To Local Trouble Spot

The city fire department made three runs to put out one fire last night, when a small blaze, caused by defective wiring in an apartment house at 114 W. Douglas street, refused to die out.

The first alarm was at 8:20 p. m. The firemen were called back to put a damper on some smoldering rags at 10:30, and at 2:30 a. m. were called again. This time, a large American flag, folded in the bottom of a trunk, started to burn, resulting in more smoke, and more trouble for the over-worked firemen.

However, they reported this

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