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RUSSIA

How soon will she join in the war against the Japs? This question arises from the Stalin-Eden accord at Moscow. Watch for the answer in the NEWS-REVIEW when the knockout is handed to Hitler.

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JAPS HURL MORE TROOPS INTO PHILIPPINES

BRITISH RAID NAZI BASES IN NORWAY, GERMANY, FRANCE; REACH ACCORD WITH SOVIET

Ruin Dealt Nazis' North Supply Point

Airdromes Bombed; Axis 'Invasion Ports,' Ships, in Libya Still in Retreat

LONDON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Eight enemy ships totaling 15,650 tons, oil tanks, ammunition stores and a Quisling-owned industrial plant were destroyed during a British raid on the small island of Vaagso 100 miles north of Bergen, Norway, it was announced officially today.

The raid was carried out Saturday by the mysterious commando force of the British army, aided by light forces of the home fleet and by the RAF.

Vaagso is the assembly point of German convoys carrying supplies to the far northern front in Russia and an officer who took part in the raid said the destruction of shipping had harmed German communication to that front.

The entire German garrison on the island involved in the attack was captured or killed, the communiqué said.

Germany Also Raided

Germany's great ports of Wilhelmshaven and Emden and the important industrial districts of the Rhineland were the chief targets of overnight RAF air raids, delivered "in force" and with the help of good weather, the air ministry announced today.

The raids extended from western Germany to France and were the second forays over Nazi-held Europe on successive nights. Seven British planes were acknowledged missing.

Secondary targets, the communiqué said.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AMERICANS, waiting feverishly for every scrap of news from their countrymen who are holding on against heavy odds in the Philippines until reinforcements can arrive, listen to Winston Churchill, speaking in the senate of the United States, before the assembled congress.

They listen with confidence, for in the more than two years his country has been at war Churchill has never failed to give the picture exactly as it is.

WE were caught, he tells us, unprepared.

As a result, these early days of war are dark. He offers the prediction that there "may be much ground that will be lost that will be difficult to regain. (Manila, perhaps; even Singapore.)

He adds:

"Our (Britain's and America's) resources of materials and manpower are greater than theirs, but we both have much to learn of the cruel art of war."

He says:

"We are fighting wicked men who have gathered great stores of weapons to carry out plans which have been long contrived and matured."

SO much for the present. Of the future, he says:

"U. S.-British production, within a year or 18 months, will result in war power output beyond anything ever seen in the axis states."

That is to say (in particular)

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His Grab Draws Allies' Frowns



In a surprising Christmas coup, Free French naval forces, commanded by Admiral Emile Muselier, above, sailing from eastern Canada, seized the Vichy-controlled islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon near Newfoundland. Embarrassed by the move, which they feared would drive the Vichy regime into closer collaboration with the axis, the United States and Great Britain took prompt steps to nullify the Free French action, which, however, was acclaimed by an overwhelming majority of the islanders in a plebiscite.

Torpedoing of 2 U. S. Freighters in Pacific Revealed

HONOLULU, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Two American freighters were sunk in the Pacific by axis submarine torpedoes the night of Dec. 17 with a toll of nine dead and 33 missing.

The vessels were the 6,000-ton Manini of the Matson Navigation company and the 7,000-ton Prusa of the Lykes Brothers lines.

Two lifeboats, one containing 12 survivors of the Manini's crew of 33 and the other 13 survivors of the Prusa's crew of 34, were picked up Saturday after nine perilous days adrift in the small boats.

Boatswain Orin Jewett of the Manini said yesterday he thought the other 21 crewmen of the Manini got away safely in another lifeboat, but they yet were unaccounted for.

Survivors of the Prusa said nine aboard their vessel were killed when the torpedo struck the crew's sleeping quarters located in the ship's stern. They saw Captain G. H. Boy and 11 others get into a lifeboat immediately after the torpedoing but had not seen them since.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Guns to return the enemy's fire were asked by the AFL sailors' union of the Pacific today in giving assurance that its members would continue unflinchingly to serve on merchant ships.

Harry Lundberg, head of the union, said men aboard ships that had been torpedoed or shelled had only one complaint.

"We have been manning the ships and will continue to do so," declared Lundberg. "All we ask for our membership is the protection of an army vessel."

"The question of bonuses and insurance will come later. Right now we, as Americans, and members of the union that sails American vessels, are interested in the country."

Hitler Doom Tops Pact Of Stalin, Eden

Nazi Youth Division Flees As Russians Continue to Regain Once-Lost Towns

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Soviet Russia and Great Britain were in full accord today on conduct of the war through momentous Moscow negotiations between Premier Stalin and British Foreign Secretary Eden paralleling the Roosevelt-Churchill meetings in Washington.

Their agreement was announced simultaneously in London and Moscow last night following conferences which have taken place during the last half of this month in the Kremlin with the United States kept closely informed.

Not only have the London and Moscow governments agreed upon plans for prosecuting the war, the statement said, but they also have already initiated discussions on post-war peace and security.

A joint declaration said: "The conversations showed an identity of views especially with regard to the necessity for the utter defeat of Hitlerite Germany and adoption of measures to render completely impossible any repetition of German aggression in the future."

Raw Nazi Youths Flee

Moscow and its armory, Tula, 100 miles to the south, have been freed from immediate danger by the crushing red army drive.

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Gasoline Use By Civilians Faces Big Cut

Tire-Tube Restrictions Will Affect Auto Fuel Consumption in U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A 35 per cent reduction in the nation's 1942 civilian gasoline consumption was considered likely today by government petroleum experts because of new restrictions making it impossible for the ordinary motorist to obtain new tires or inner tubes for his car.

The effect of these regulations, these officials believed, would be to make motorists use their cars less to conserve their tires for necessary motoring and emergencies. Gasoline consumption accordingly would be sharply reduced.

The same quarters considered that the rubber conservation program might delay the need of direct consumer rationing of motor fuel, in event the war effort ties up the extensive transportation facilities used to distribute some 27,200,000,000 gallons of gasoline annually throughout the country.

Rationing Plan Drawn

At the direction of Secretary of Interior Ickes, the petroleum coordinator, a consumer gasoline rationing system has been prepared for use if an emergency develops.

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Lad, 10, Man, 87, Killed By Automobile Blows

OREGON CITY, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Richard W. Crawford, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford, died yesterday of automobile accident injuries.

Merrill G. Brassfield, Lyons, said the Crawford boy ran across the highway in front of his automobile near Molalla.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—William Elvers, 87, Portland, was fatally injured by an automobile at a downtown intersection yesterday. His death was Portland's 61st traffic fatality of the year.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



Captain Olive Coleman, standing at the left in the photograph above, and Jean Tindall, of the Salvation Army corps here, as they completed the collection and arrangement of 45 boxes of food donated to their organization for the use of needy families on Christmas eve. I was going to tell you all that each of these boxes contained in the way of good eats; but bless me, the list was a yard long.

I should have run this picture, and did intend to; but before I got around to developing the film I developed a really masterful case of bronchitis. I could finish the bronchitis in bed, and couldn't film; so, always being a great hand for doing the easier things, if there was any choice at all, I chose the bronc.

Why is it that when a person suffering with a cough tries to lie down and go to sleep, his con-founded cough, which may have been dormant while he was sitting, immediately commences to raise merry hades? I reckon if a fellow could sleep like a horse, standing up, he'd cough all the

time. I wonder if anyone knows how to stop a cough? I don't. However, I always try about the same things. Becoming convulsed with a paroxysm and knowing further thoughts of sleep to be futile, I get up, and stumble downstairs for a drink of water. I choke on it. Then I hunt dry bread, and slowly masticate that. I choke on it, and cough the irritating particles up my nose. Then I take a couple of aspirins in hot water.

None of these measures produce desired results, you understand. So pretty soon I become desperate and light a cigarette and puff swiftly and savagely, drawing the hot smoke down and across the offending membranes in my throat—fighting fire with fire. This Spartan treatment always helps a bit, at any rate, by making me once more overpoweringly sleepy. I go back to bed, surrendering deliciously to the restful oblivion when—hak, kaff, kaffkaffkaff!

You guessed it. All's to do over again.

MacArthur Shortens Defense Lines; Roosevelt Sends Pledge of Full Help; Navy Says Fleet Engaged Against Japs

Freedom Of Filipinos To Be Redeemed

Japs Fail in Trickery to Gain Information About U. S. Fleet's Location

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The navy reported today that United States submarines had sunk two more enemy ships in the Far East and that a United States destroyer had suffered slight damage and minor casualties from Japanese planes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt pledged to the war-scarred people of the Philippines today that "their freedom will be redeemed and their independence established and protected."

"The entire resources, in men and material of the United States stand behind that pledge," the president said.

At almost the same time that the short wave radio broadcast the president's personal message to the Filipinos, the navy issued a statement saying the fleet was intensively engaged against the Japs.

"The fleet is not idle," the navy said. "The United States navy is following an intensive and well-planned campaign against the Japanese forces which will result in positive assistance to the defense of the Philippine Islands."

Long Distance Handicaps

In connection with the president's message, Stephen Early, Mr. Roosevelt's secretary, commented that it might take time for ample aid to reach the Philippines on account of the long distances involved and remarked that in a military sense, distances with time measurements.

In response to a question as to whether Mr. Roosevelt's use of the word "redeem" indicated that

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Tin Center Of Malaya Falls to Invading Japanese

SINGAPORE, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The British acknowledged today that Japanese troops had swept south of captured Ipoh, Malay, tin mining city and communications center 290 miles north of Singapore, and announced the fall of Kuching, capital of Sarawak on the island of Borneo.

A headquarters communiqué said the British on the Perak front in Malaya are "in close contact with the enemy south of Ipoh" but gave no further information.

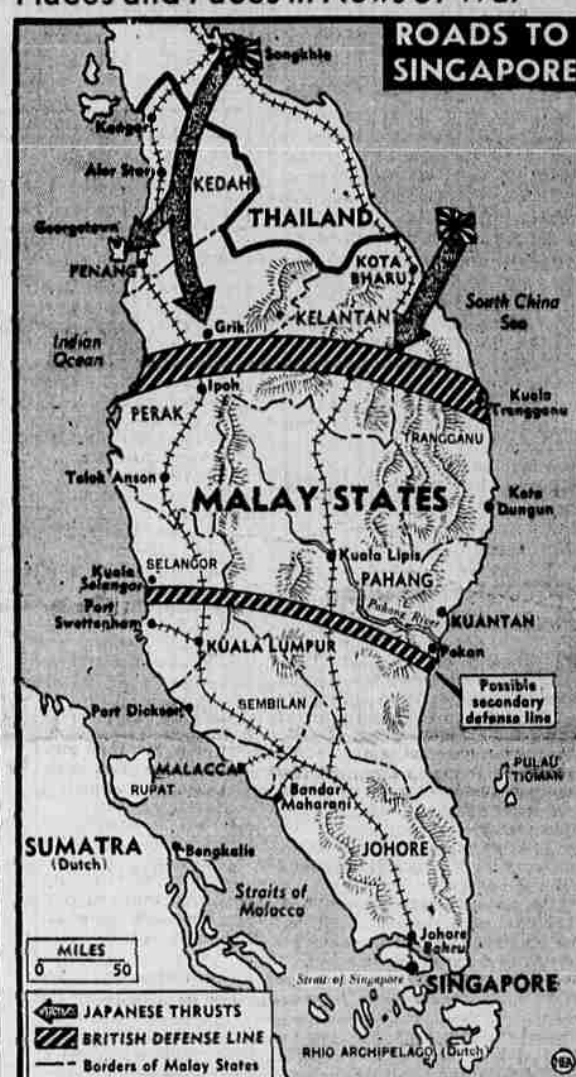
Elsewhere in Malaya the situation remained unchanged, it was said.

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Dec. 29.—(AP)—American-built bombers of the N. E. I. army air force have scored a direct hit on a large Japanese transport and shot down "probably" two Japanese fighter planes in an attack on Sarawak, a communiqué released by Aneta, N. E. I. news agency reported today.

The fact that the communiqué made no reference to yesterday's landing of Japanese parachute troops near Medan, on the island of Sumatra, led observers here to believe the invaders had been unable to make much headway in their first attempt to win a foothold on Indies territory.

It was learned on good authority that the Japanese had followed up their attack on Sumatra by dropping leaflets over the northern part of the island warning the population to cease resistance.

Places and Faces in News of War



At top—Malay peninsula, with the two-pronged arrow at the top, showing route of the Japanese invasion from Thailand. The striped belt immediately below was a defense line from which the British were thrust back, and the accompanying seizure of nearby Ipoh gave the Japanese an important tin-refining center. Ultimate Japanese goal is of course the British bastion of Singapore. Across the strait from that city lies Sumatra, on which Japanese parachute troops have landed. They have captured the province of Sarawak on the neighboring island of Borneo in their drive for oil and rubber.

Lower photo—Army Lieutenants Kenneth M. Taylor, left, and George S. Welch, both pilots, have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for their part in the defense of Hawaii against the Japanese sneak attack. Taylor shot down four Jap planes; Welch's shooting down two raiders against overwhelming odds was called "an outstanding act of heroism." (U. S. army photo.)

Enemy Aliens Turning in Cameras, Radios, Guns

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A rush of enemy aliens to turn in federally banned cameras, guns and short-wave radios was expected by Portland police today.

Less than 50 aliens, mostly Japanese, complied with federal orders yesterday, and police said the more than 1000 aliens in this area probably would crowd into the police station before the 11 p. m. deadline tonight.

Strike Threat Faced by Doernbecher Company

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—John Brost, Oregon-CIO president, said today 1600 workers at the Doernbecher Manufacturing company here would strike at midnight Wednesday unless the management agreed to arbitration of a wage dispute.

He said the CIO furniture workers union at the plant had voted by an overwhelming margin for the strike.

Manila Faces Chief Threat From South

City Undergoes Second Raid, Then Invaders Turn On Corregidor Fortress

(By the Associated Press)

Determined American and Filipino forces were reported in Manila to be holding their lines, even bettering them at one point, against steadily growing Japanese strength in northern Luzon but a war communique in Washington suggested that a deep American withdrawal was in prospect or already had been undertaken.

General MacArthur, it said, had shortened his lines and consolidated most of his troops in Pampanga province to face heavily augmented enemy infantry, cavalry and tank regiments "composed of veteran soldiers with modern equipment."

Although this meant a new line virtually mid-way between the gulf of Lingayen and Manila, it indicated an American stand in terrain long envisaged as a battlefield against invasion and the scene of repeated peacetime defense rehearsals.

The northern border of Pampanga is about 55 miles above Manila. The southern border is only 25 miles distant.

Time apparently was becoming a vital factor in the fierce battle of the Philippines as the Japanese, thus far unable to build up a crushing force despite their already overwhelming numbers, poured men ashore and the United States gave the beleaguered islanders hope that help was on the way.

Elsewhere, the war bulletin said, there was "nothing to report."

Stubborn Defense Unbroken.

It acknowledged that both sides had suffered heavy losses but declared that the island's defenders,

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Earthquake Jars Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—A short, sharp earthquake broke windows and shook the entire city at about 10:35 a. m. today.

A display window in a downtown store was shattered by the tremor which lasted only a few seconds. In various parts of the city residents reported that upstairs windows rattled violently, and some were broken.

A flood of telephone calls blew several fuses in exchange switchboards, and service in many sections of the city was disrupted for several minutes.

Accident Proves Fatal To Mrs. Minnie Beckley

Mrs. Minnie Beckley, 74, of Newport, died in the Corvallis General hospital December 28, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident December 12. She was a pioneer resident of Oregon, and was well-known in Douglas county.

She was a life-long member of the Christian church and a prominent worker in church and civic affairs at Newport.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Maud McNeerney and Mrs. Oma Kerr, both of Roseburg, and a son, S. F. Beckley.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Elkton Christian church, with interment at the Elkton cemetery. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Stearn's mortuary of Oakland.