

Japanese Repulsed in Drive Toward Singapore

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try at Melbourne. "Again this morning—Monday—the enemy attacked again, and again were defeated by our troops. Australians are holding their ground everywhere." The Muar river zone, about 90 miles northwest of Singapore, had developed as the softest spot of the defense line through Malaya. The Japanese had threatened to turn the entire defense line by infiltrations and direct assaults in that region, near the coast.

Naval Base Area Damaged. It was disclosed, meanwhile, that Japanese A-1 raiders which struck a heavy blow at Singapore yesterday had killed 56 persons and injured 135—mostly civilians.

For the first time the British acknowledged the raiders had done damage in the naval base area, a communique reporting that fires had been started in a fuel oil depot. Several blazes still were raging when the communique was issued.

At least two raiders were shot down, five others probably were destroyed and two more were damaged, the bulletin said.

The raid followed up a Saturday assault by 70 Japanese bombers which left 130 dead and 100 wounded.

With battle lines pitched within 90 miles of Singapore at one point on the west coast, additional manpower was called to arms. All European male Britons under 41 not already serving in the fighting forces were ordered to register Wednesday for military duty.

JAPS FACE WATER GAP IN DRIVE TOWARD SINGAPORE

(By the Associated Press) Soon, but no one knew when nor where, the British imperials must make their final stand if the Japanese thrust for Singapore is halted short of Johore strait. This is the water hazard which in the final analysis shields Singapore island with its invaluable naval installations.

Whoever is to hold Singapore may well control the course of the war in the southwest Pacific. The official silence of the Dutch on land action indicated that the Japanese offensive from footholds gained in the Netherlands East Indies was marking time, pending outcome of the battle for Singapore.

However, the Dutch did report Japanese air raids on the Borneo oil port of Balikpapan and on the island of Sabang, off the northern tip of Sumatra. A previously announced air attack on an airdrome in middle Sumatra was said, after final tabulation, to have caused nine deaths and 41 other casualties.

Third Tanker Sunk Off East Coast of America

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signaled to it for help. Philippines War Slows

As the navy searched from sky and sea for a trace of the east coast marauders, the Japanese invaders in the Philippines were regrouping their heavily superior forces for yet another smash at the battle-torn little band of troops that has kept the Stars and Stripes flying over the Bataan peninsula.

For the moment General Douglas A. MacArthur had a respite. War department's communique Sunday told of diminished enemy pressure, followed by repeated reconnaissance thrusts designed to feel out the strength of the American lines.

The war department said ground operations by Japanese troops against American and Filipino troops on Bataan peninsula in the Philippines had become of a desultory nature.

General MacArthur reported that Japanese were seizing harvested crops and food stores and had dispossessed Filipinos of their means of transportation.

A Domet dispatch admitted the stubbornness of the American-Filipino resistance, saying that strong barricades across jungle paths and enfilading fire from hidden artillery had held the Japanese advance to "but a few meters per hour."

Reuters in London heard a Tokyo broadcast today reporting a Japanese imperial headquarters claim that Japanese naval aircraft yesterday scored direct hits on "four enemy ships totaling 5,300 tons" of the Philippine island of Cebu.

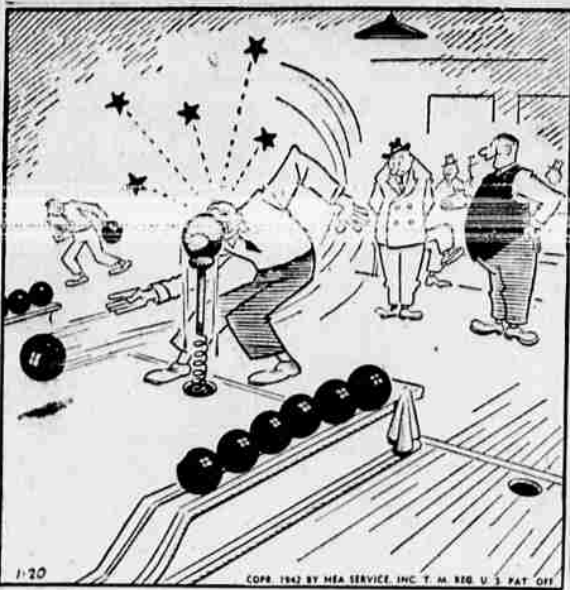
Price Control Measure In Conference Deadlock

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who chose to enter a 26-week training course. In such a course they would receive instruction calculated to fit them for work on aircraft, tanks, guns and other vital war equipment.

Senator Brown said the proposal, if adopted by congress, would go a long way toward tiding over workers in such industrial centers as Detroit, where thousands face weeks of unemployment while the auto plants

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are being converted to war production.

New Defense Fund Asked

President Roosevelt asked congress today for \$28,500,767,495 in supplemental appropriations and contract authorizations for the 1942 and 1943 fiscal years for the war and navy departments and two other defense activities.

For the inter-American highway he requested \$7,000,000 and for the federal bureau of investigation \$5,950,000.

Pair Remarries Because Fire Destroys Record

Because all records of their marriage in California ten years ago were destroyed by fire, Luther Byron Woodruff and Ora D. Woodruff, residents of Roseburg, today obtained a marriage license and are being remarried in order that official records may be available. County Clerk Roy Agee announced today. Mr. Agee said he was informed that the couple was in need of proof of marriage, for business reasons, but had found that all records had been destroyed in a courthouse fire in the California town where they originally were married.

Inflammable Material Explodes in Garage

A handful of inflammable material which failed to ignite promptly when tossed into a stove at Blessing's garage, exploded suddenly shortly before noon today and sent up a great volume of oil smoke, resulting in a fire alarm. The blaze however, was confined to the stove and did no damage to the structure. The material had smoldered unobserved and formed a gas which caused a minor explosion when it finally ignited.

Barking Dog Leads Man To Child's Body in Creek

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—(AP)—"Babe," a dripping wet and shivering mongrel dog, raced into the house and barked frantically.

It was several minutes before Harvey Erb, unable to quiet him, followed "Babe" outside and along the frozen Pennypack creek bank.

A few hundred feet away, Erb found the body of his four-year-old daughter, Joanne, lying beneath the ice. Marks on the ice indicated "Babe" had tried to save the child.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

EDMUNDSON—To Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Edmundson, 109 West Mosher street, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Friday, January 16, a son; weight six pounds eight ounces.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ICE—HUGLIAN—Lawrence Ice, Camas Valley, and Hazel Huglian, Brockway.

HAMMONCK—CARDWELL—Leslie Vernon Hammonck and Helen L. Cardwell, both residents of Roseburg.

Notice, Legion

Regular meeting of Umpqua post, No. 16, American Legion will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, 8 p. m. at I. O. O. F. hall. All drum corps members are asked to be present.

Piano Pupils Dated for Recital Over KRNR

The Recital Hall program, broadcast each Tuesday from station KRNR by Douglas county music teachers, will feature tomorrow piano selections by pupils of Mrs. Clyde H. Beard, Mrs. Beard will present June Lee Hughes, Marilyn Beard, Virginia Mills, Joanne Deets and Dorothy Busch, representing the beginners, intermediate and advanced departments. The program will be heard from 7:45 to 8 p. m.

Hitler Plots Shift in Principal War Target

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strategic position of Malta, the little British island just south of Italy and Sicily, figures prominently and recently stepped up aerial pounding of that island has underscored the likelihood that an offensive there, perhaps in the style of the battle for Crete, stands high on the axis order of business.

A high British officer, just returned to London from Malta, said that the axis air attacks were "stoking up a little bit" but that the defenders were putting the hard-learned lessons of Crete to good use.

Perhaps significantly, he would not say whether he regarded Malta's air defenses as adequate, but he asserted that they were strong enough to exact a high price for any attempt at landing in Malta.

Malta, under air alarm more than 1,000 times in this war so far, has shown a capacity for absorbing tremendous, closely based aerial blows. The shore of Sicily is only 60 miles away.

Duce Changes Generals

The Italians announced today that despite adverse weather, the German air force yesterday continued attacks against "military objectives and airdromes of Malta." It was noteworthy, perhaps, that the Italians claimed no Malta attacks by their own planes.

The Italian high command in fact was getting another shake-up. The replacement of General Roatta as army chief of staff by General Ambrosio, hitherto commander of the eleventh army, was announced in Rome.

This may be part of the aftermath of the British imperial reduction of German-Italian hold-out forces at Halfaya pass, Bardia and Salum along the Egyptian-Libyan border.

The British announced their capture of the axis positions, along with about 14,000 German and Italian soldiers and considerable war materials, was accomplished with the loss of fewer than 100 killed and 400 wounded out of the combined forces of British imperial troops, Free French and Poles.

Some 300 miles to the west of

the Halfaya area, the allied offensive was marking time in the El Aghella region, at the inner curve of the Gulf of Sirte, where German General Rommel's forces have been making a stand on the road to Tripoli.

Nazis Claim Triumph

Russia's great counter-drive on the eastern front showed no sign of let-up, but the German high command made much of an apparent setback in the Crimea, where Feodosiya, on the south-

east coast of the peninsula, was reported recaptured by a combined German-Rumanian force.

This "victory report" must have come as a surprise to the German people, for the Hitler command had never officially acknowledged losing Feodosiya. The communique said 4,000 Russians were taken prisoner at Feodosiya.

But the high command also found it necessary to report at the same time that the Russians

had launched heavy attacks along the entire Donets river front. The communique said that the fighting was still in progress but gave no indication of the trend.

In air warfare, the Germans claimed to have damaged several merchant ships of a British convoy in the Gulf of Sirte, following up a claim of yesterday that a British destroyer had been sunk off Salum, and said that ports of Britain's southwest coast, a munitions ship off the Shetland

islands and a merchant ship off Russia's Arctic port of Murmansk were bombed.

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Forestry Receipts Give Douglas County \$3,347

An allotment of \$3,347 to Douglas county, representing 25 per cent of receipts from the Umpqua National forest for the fiscal year ending last June 30 was announced today at Washington, D. C., according to word received here from Representative Homer Angell of Portland. The forest service is required to spend 10 per cent of receipts on improvement of roads and trails, a sum of \$74,534 for the state of Oregon. In addition, 25 per cent of receipts must go to counties in which the forests are located, and this, it was stated, amounted to \$183,836 for Oregon. Fourteen counties will participate in the distribution.

U. S. Marines Forced to Toil for Japs, Report

CHUNKING, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Chinese reports said today that United States marines captured by the Japanese at Peiping had been put to hard labor in an internment camp.

All foreign and Chinese members of the staff of the Rockefeller-endowed Peiping Union Medical college were said to have been forced to continue their work under Japanese control.

These reports said Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, president of Yenching university, and other American and British members of the faculty had been confined in Peiping legation quarters.

Most American and British residents were reported still at large but with their movements restricted.

Sacrifices Will Stun U. S., Mayor Riley Says

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The people of the United States "are going to give up so many things in the next few years that they will be stunned," Mayor Earl Riley said today on his return from a conference at Washington.

"This is no easy war to win," he continued. "We will be on the defensive for two years before we can go on the offensive. In that two years will be the time when we learn the meaning of the word 'sacrifice.'"

All capital expenditures of cities are definitely out for the duration, Riley said. Money saved will be spent on additional police, fire and health service.

Two Trainmen Killed in Collision at Metolius

MADRAS, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Two trainmen were killed and two others injured yesterday as a northbound Spokane, Portland & Seattle freight train crashed into the rear of another that had stopped for water at Metolius.

S. P. & S. officials said Fireman Adrian Wilson, Wishram, Ore., and brakeman Tony Maher, Bend, were killed outright.

One engine was derailed and a fire destroyed two freight cars and inflicted burns on Engineer Egan Malmberg, Ridgefield, Wash., and Fireman George W. Walker, Vancouver, Wash.

Trainmen said efforts failed to signal the second train to a halt.

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