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JAPANESE SWEEP CLOSER TO AUSTRALIA

Billions Requested of Congress For Planes in Knockout Blow Program

War Output Now at Full Speed, Report

America's Production Of Planes, Tanks, Ships Will Outstrip World

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—An urgent request by army officials for a \$12,525,872,474 appropriation to construct 33,000 planes in preparation for "our offensive knockout blow" was sent to the house today—and speedy approval was taken for granted.

Lieutenant General H. H. Arnold, deputy chief of staff for air, said the program was necessary to build up an air force both for the United States and its allies.

Testimony by Arnold and other officials, made public today, showed that \$7,144,056,340 of the fund—the largest single military appropriation in the history of congress—would go for complete airplanes. Another \$1,547,948,529 has been allocated for armament, aircraft cannon, small arms ammunition, bombs and pyrotechnics.

Spare engines and parts will require almost \$1,900,000,000 and new facilities to expedite production of the planes will take another \$933,000,000. About \$1,000,000,000 will be spent on supplies of

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The British concede that Jap troops—apparently arriving in small boats that hug the shore—continue to land along the Malay coast.

These relatively small forces work AHEAD of the main Jap invading army. They land in the REAR of the British defense line and go to work immediately disrupting communications and otherwise hamstringing the defending forces.

Their job is essentially the same as that of parachute troops. Parachute troops JUMP OVER. These boat-borne Japs sneak around the end. The difference is merely one of dimension.

Both are variations of the age-old maneuver of outflanking.

FROM Tokyo comes news that allied warships are operating in the strait of Malacca (consult your map here), pounding these Jap flanking operations whose results have become serious enough to make it necessary to risk allied naval forces in waters dominated by Jap planes.

JAP warplanes are ranging over the islands of the Indies as far as New Britain, east of New Guinea and slightly northeast of Australia. The Japs are hurrying to close the entrances to the South China sea against allied reinforcements they know are sure to come sooner or later.

Consult your map again at this point. It tells the story much more clearly than words can.

Australia is worried. Premier Curtin says today: "These mass attacks (of Jap planes) show the peril to Australia is nearer, clearer and deadlier than ever."

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Hope for Tires Given by This Bush



Over 500 million pounds of rubber is available in native chrysanthemum plants growing in large quantities in California, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Idaho, according to Dr. T. Goodspeed, professor of botany at the University of California. He has sent a report of his findings to government authorities in Washington and you soon may be getting tires from this plant.

Roseburg Defense Bond Pledges to Be Near 100 Pct.

The defense bond pledge campaign in Roseburg will probably be completed by nightfall today with almost 100 per cent pledges. General Howard Stuckey announced today. Mr. Stuckey reported that he is extremely gratified by the outstanding cooperation shown by the residents of the city.

"Our workers report only very isolated cases of persons who have declined to sign pledges and in nearly every instance these are people who are living on pensions or have no assured income," Stuckey said. "We will be very near the 100 per cent mark on persons with established incomes."

Some purchases of \$3,000 and \$4,000 in defense bonds by individuals were reported. Included in the pledges were a great many youngsters who volunteered to sign pledges to purchase defense stamps. Several high school students and others recently graduated from high school have invested money being saved for college education, Stuckey reports.

County Makes Fine Showing

H. O. Pargeter, county chairman, reports the drive has been so successful, that many districts are clamoring for additional supplies, although the committee thought it had secured ample pledge books to meet every need.

"Douglas county which, on a per capita basis, is one of the leading counties in the entire United States in the number of men enlisting in armed services, will further show its spirit of patriotism by being one of the foremost in the per capita pledges for defense bond purchases," Mr. Pargeter declared today.

Mrs. Charles Hartley, who is doing the clerical work connected with the pledge campaign, will be at the office of the chamber of commerce through Saturday. Any persons who may have been overlooked by the solicitors, may call Mrs. Hartley at the chamber of commerce office, phone No. 263, and a solicitor will call, or pledges may be obtained at the chamber of commerce office.

Local Workshop Owners to Aid in War Production

An organization of local residents, having home or business workshops, for the purpose of turning out articles for national defense is expected to result from a meeting held here last night. The meeting was held at the office of the chamber of commerce, where the plan for organization was presented by a group of speakers from Portland.

Among the speakers were Robert R. McKean, manager of the Columbia Empire Industries; John G. Barnett, manager of the Portland field office of the war production board; Mark H. Farnsworth, chief engineer, and J. E. Gates, engineer, war production board.

Twenty-two persons having workshops were in attendance. It was pointed out that a great many articles used in national defense can be manufactured with equipment available in small machine shops or home workshops. Among such articles already being produced, it was stated, are police night sticks, stretcher handles, foot lockers, ammunition boxes, mallets, etc. However, contracts are let only for large quantities and it is necessary in obtaining orders to pool resources and facilities to permit quantity production.

A meeting will be called in the near future, it was decided, to consider the formation of a local organization and the selection of a committee which will meet with the representatives of the production board at Portland to determine the types of articles which can be manufactured locally and to determine the plan of operation.

Parole Granted Father in Non-Support Case

Pleading guilty to a charge of non-support, Barney Smith, 24, Glendale, was paroled in circuit court today from a sentence of one year in the state penitentiary. Smith answered to a district attorney's information in which he was accused of failure to provide for a minor child.

Compromise Reached On Price Control

Bill Awaiting Action by Congress Apt to Boost Living Costs, Warning

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—An amendment-patched war-time price control measure which some sponsors said "may prove more unpopular than new taxes" was ready for final congressional action today.

Weary senate-house conferees agreed on its terms last night after nearly two weeks of legislative blanket pulling which ended in adjustment of wide differences between the two chambers of congress and the white house.

Representative Steagall (D., Ala.) who teamed with two democratic colleagues to break the conference deadlock, predicted that the house would accept the bill as amended in conference because "there were compromises on both sides."

Senate approval likewise was foreseen by Senators Brown (D., Mich.) and Bankhead (D., Ala.).

Food Cost Rise Foreseen

Brown, who said the measure might prove even less popular

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Man, Two Women Found Slain in Roadside Ditch

BALTIMORE, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A man and two women, either shot or stabbed, were found dead in a roadside ditch near Catonsville, Baltimore suburb, today.

The women were identified as Mrs. Helen Johnson, 21, and her sister, Mrs. Irene Carter, 32. The man was not identified.

Leonard Johnson of Alberton, Md., husband of Mrs. Johnson, made the identification, police said.

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Reds Score On Nazis During Snowstorm

Besiegers of Leningrad May Be Trapped; British Driven Back in Libya

(By the Associated Press)

Russia's victorious red armies, repeating the triumphs forebears scored against Napoleon in 1812, drove the Germans 23 miles west of Mzhaisk in a seven-mile-a-day advance today, while on the north African front, British desert troops underwent a startling reverse.

Coupled with their smashing triumph on the Moscow front, Russian troops advancing in a blinding snowstorm launched a drive to outflank the nazis armies before Leningrad.

Dispatches said the Russians took the Germans by surprise in an attack between Novgorod, just north of lake Ilmen, and the Moscow-Leningrad railroad, resulting in "the most violent fighting of the new year."

On the southern (Ukraine) front, a late bulletin reported

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S. P. Train Cancellation Hearing Is Postponed

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner Bean has postponed the preliminary investigation set for January 26 at Salem to hear southern Oregon protests over abandonment of Southern Pacific railroad service earlier this month.

Bean said in Salem today he had been instructed by Governor Sprague to confer with army authorities at the Presidio, San Francisco, and there to obtain any testimony which the army might not wish to disclose at a public hearing.

Bags Jap Vessel In Daring Dash



(NEA Telephoto.)

To Lieut. John D. Bulkeley, above, goes the honor of accomplishing one of the most spectacular feats of the war. He directed his tiny U. S. navy motor torpedo boat through a gauntlet of machine gun and shore battery fire to torpedo a 5000-ton Japanese ship inside the entrance to Subic bay in the Philippines.

War Dept. Blocks Strike in Detroit

DETROIT, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Busy busses and streetcars carried war-job workers to their factories as usual today with a strike threat by city employees wiped out at least temporarily by intervention by the war department.

Members of the city employees union (AFL) voted at a mass meeting last night to postpone the strike, called for 4 a. m. today, upon being warned by Undersecretary of war Robert F. Patterson that a walk out would "imperil production of planes, tanks and guns."

Union officials said a referendum on a strike would be taken next week—depending on the outcome of further negotiations with city officials over the union's demand for a flat 15 per cent wage increase.

Police Commissioner Frank D. Eaman had ordered his force of 4,000 bluecoats on emergency duty to back up Mayor Edward J. Jeffries' declaration giving "full police protection" to all persons desiring to work.

Buddy Baer Asks \$150,000 Damages Over Auto Crash

FREEHOLD, N. J., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Suing for \$150,000 damages, Jacob (Buddy) Baer has charged in Monmouth county court that he was crippled as in a boxer, perhaps permanently, in an automobile accident which preceded his disastrous bout with Joe Louis January 9.

Howard A. Lawn of Red Bank, counsel for Baer, said today that the suit had been delayed until after the fight rather than jeopardize attendance. Baer was knocked out in the first round of the navy relief fund benefit show at Madison Square garden.

The bill of complaint, naming Wellington H. Wilkins, Jr., and Wilma H. Wilkins of Tinton Falls as respondents, said the heavy-weight had suffered torn muscles and tendons in the right shoulder area.

Mrs. Wilkins was driver of one automobile and Jerry Casale of Oceanport, driver of the one in which Baer rode, when the two machines collided in Eatontown December 14.

Wake Island Captive Sends Greeting to Kin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—In a broadcast from Tokyo intercepted today by a listening post here, E. A. Kenny, who was introduced as a defense worker from Wake island, sent greetings to his family in Colfax, Wash.

"We are here safely," Kenny said in the transcribed broadcast. "I would like to say hello to the folks because they won't hear from me for a long time until after the war."

Sea-Borne Invaders Land on New Guinea, Solomon Islands; Melbourne Sends Plea for Aid

MacArthur's Army in Philippines Hurts Back Attacks Of Reinforced Japs; Dutch Bombers Blast Flotilla; Singapore Battle Undecided; Japs Gain in Burma

(By the Associated Press)

Japan's march of conquest struck directly toward Australia today as sea-borne Japanese troops landed in New Guinea, the Solomon islands and probably New Britain in a sweep jeopardizing not only the land "down under" but also United States routes to the Pacific war zone.

At its nearest point, New Guinea is only 100 miles across the Torres strait from Cape York, northernmost tip of Australia.

Blazing forth like a star-shell against the bomber background of the Pacific struggle, a war department bulletin reported that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's heroic defenders in the Philippines again had beaten off all Japanese attacks with bloody losses.

The communique said Japanese assault troops, strongly reinforced, had launched "extremely heavy" attacks in the past 24 hours only to be met by a withering fire from Gen. MacArthur's American-Filipino forces on Bataan peninsula, across the bay from Manila.

Gen. MacArthur reported the invaders were making almost continuous attacks without regard to losses.

Meanwhile reports from the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, more than 500 miles south of the struggle on Luzon, were that the Japanese had organized a local military force composed of some 10,000 Japanese residents of that locality.

Davao, on Mindanao, is a city populated largely by Japanese, who for years have dominated the production of Manila hemp. Early in the invasion the Japanese made Davao a base of offensive operations against Borneo and other parts of the Netherlands Indies.

In general, the news was dark from fronts in the far Pacific conflict, relieved by word from Washington that the United States was beginning to pour a stream of reinforcements into what has been, until now, a lopsided struggle.

Critical hours again were at hand in the battles of Malaya and Burma.

Dutch heavy bombers and fighters lashed out at the Mikado's invasion hordes swarming into the south sea islands, scoring 12 direct hits on eight Japanese warships and transports in the Strait of Macassar, between Dutch Borneo and Celebes island.

Military strategists emphasized the triple menace of Japan's newest thrusts:

1. The war has been brought to territory within easy striking distance of Australia.

2. Japan has forged a new link in her chain of bases stretching south and east for 2,500 miles from Tokyo to the Solomon islands.

3. The united nations' supply lines to the Dutch East Indies, Singapore, Burma and China have been sharply endangered.

From the bases in New Guinea and in the 750-mile-long Solomon chain to the east, Japan may now command the vital Torres strait

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Milady's Girdle On List Hit by Rubber Quotas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Sorry, girls, but the war production board confirmed that bad news about girdles today. After Feb. 1, an order declared, no more crude rubber or latex may be used in manufacturing girdles or other foundation garments, golf or tennis balls, craters, bathing suits and caps, lawn and garden hose and hundreds of other common household items.