

U. S. Urged to Rush Aid To Far East Islands

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we were good—and we thought so, too. "Now, too many of us are sitting with our hands complacently folded while we wait for 'George' to win the war."

Competitive Bids Out

The war production board plans to place all war contracts by negotiation rather than by competitive bidding.

This course, designed to speed the placing of army and navy orders, will be accompanied by two other sweeping policy changes:

1. Contracts for standard commercial items will be placed generally with small manufacturers, leaving the more difficult armament jobs to bigger concerns.

2. To prevent inflated profits on war orders, contracts will contain a clause providing for re-negotiation after the contract has been placed and signed.

To carry out the re-negotiations, the WPB is establishing a contract review branch in MacKeachie's division, charged with the task of reviewing all major contracts and recommending changes if they appear to give manufacturers too high a profit or are faulty for other reasons.

Guard Against Fever All army officers and men were ordered today to be immunized against yellow fever, making them quickly available for service in the tropics.

Secretary of War Stimson announced the order, explaining that hitherto only troops assigned to such areas as Panama and Puerto Rico were so vaccinated.

Army men already are immunized against paratyphoid, smallpox and tetanus.

Stimson announced also that reserve officer training corps summer camps for college students had been discontinued for the war's duration and for six months thereafter.

AMERICA "BEING LICKED," CONGRESSMAN DECLARES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—(AP)—Representative Hatton Sumners (D., Tex.) veteran chairman of the judiciary committee, solemnly told the house today that "we're being licked," and cried out to congress to rouse the nation to its danger.

"My God," he shouted, "are we going to let the hope of the ages perish from this earth because of our unworthiness," because, "we, as did France, insist upon 'business as usual'?"

America, Sumners told the house, "doesn't yet realize that it is in the greatest war of all time, facing the greatest military machine in history."

But he said that even though he had not found an awakened public consciousness, "the American people have got the stuff in them to do the job."

Eleanor Roosevelt to Resign From Defense Job

ITAHACA, N. Y., Feb. 12—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today she had "always intended to resign from the office of civilian defense when the organization is completed" and added she expected it to be completed "very soon."

The assistant director of the OCD told a press conference when the organization is completed she would "organize herself right out of the office of civilian defense."

Britain to Get Eighth Of U. S. Rubber Output

LONDON, Feb. 12—(AP)—Minister of production Lord Beaverbrook told the house of lords today that the Washington combined raw materials board plans to produce 400,000 tons of synthetic rubber annually of which Britain expects to get 50,000 tons.

ALASKA'S AREA

If a map of Alaska were drawn to the same scale as one of the United States and superimposed on the latter, with Point Barrow placed at Duluth, Minn., the islands of the Aleutian archipelago would touch Los Angeles, Cal., while the southeastern point of Alaska would rest upon Savannah, Georgia.

MAKING IT TOUGHER

DECATUR, Ill.—(AP)—If you get a flat tire here, reach for your identification card ahead of your jack. Under a drastic order designed to curb thefts of the rationed articles police have been instructed to regard every tire changer as a tire thief until he proves otherwise.

Stricken Normandie Wallows in Hudson River Mud, a Fallen Sea Giant



Sixty million dollars worth of ship, the former French passenger liner Normandie, now the U. S. S. Lafayette, wallows ignominiously in the mud beside her Hudson River pier after a ravaging fire swept through her upper three decks as she lay in New York Harbor. Tons of water from fireboats caused the sea giant to list and topple.

Nazis Claim Russians Hurlled Back in Ukraine

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and light naval craft. Bombing raids against continental targets are among the factors handicapping German shops and factories called upon to expand their output.

Transport difficulties, shortages of labor, coal and electrical power are among others.

A dispatch from Bern, Switzerland, cited the decree of propaganda minister Goebbels banning industrial fairs as evidence of the tremendous effort being made to match the production capacity of the United States.

On the north African front, British headquarters reported that imperial artillery fire had scattered a strong tank-supported axis force in the desert and that British mobile units "continued their aggressive activities" in the main battle zone 40 miles west of Tobruk.

In general, the situation remained unchanged.

THEY HAVE DONE MUCH

During the years of its operation, WPA workers have built more than 100,000 public buildings and have built or improved 565,000 miles of roads.

This is equivalent to erecting nine new buildings and 180 miles of road for every county in the United States.

HAD GOLD NOSE

The famous Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, lost his nose in a duel and thereafter wore one of gold. So that he might keep it securely fastened, he carried cement about with him.

Lincoln's Memory Is Honored by 2 Nations

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Abraham Lincoln. National Commander Lynn U. Stambaugh of Fargo led the annual American Legion pilgrimage to Lincoln's tomb at Springfield, Ill. Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, placed a wreath by the tomb. He participated in a

POET'S CORNER

WARTIME TRANSFORMATION (By Aiden Harness) In unswerving men whose wisdom guides The United Nations in this war And who can see across the months afar The final battles and their turning tides; In dauntless officers whose soldiers fight With matchless skill and courage and a light The coquest - germ - inoculated packs Of human wolves whose ruthless leaders are Controlled by military maniacs; In countless people, working now to save The world that axis gangsters would ensnare; The love that sends men forth to fight For freedom and eternal right, Awakens at this fateful hour A super-human mental power.

Lincoln's birthday celebration at Springfield last night.

Hundreds of visitors thronged Illinois places hallowed by Lincoln's memory—the white frame house in which he lived while serving in the Illinois legislature; the village of New Salem, which has been restored; and the courthouse where he tried cases while a circuit-riding lawyer.

At Bloomington, Ind., the University of Indiana announced purchase of what it described as the last big privately-owned library of material on Lincoln. The collection includes some 8,000 volumes, many photographs, busts and etchings.

Across the seas in London United States Ambassador Winant, speaking at a Lincoln birthday luncheon, said that Lincoln "like we, hated the tyranny of man over man" and therefore would have grasped the reasons that made Britain and United States allies again today.

Bloody Battle for Singapore Still Raging

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not yet been won. C. Yates McDaniel, of the Associated Press, the last foreign correspondent remaining in Singapore, said British infantry charged the Japanese and drove them back at several points.

McDaniel's dispatch, filed from a ship lying offshore, under repeated attack by Rising Sun dive bombers, said however that the battle lines were moving steadily closer to Singapore.

Japs Occupy Suburbs

The Tokyo radio, declaring that the conquest of all Singapore island was "only a matter of hours," asserted that Japanese forces were pushing deep into the city itself after occupying the famous Singapore racetrack in the northwest suburbs.

A Singapore broadcast, reporting terrific losses inflicted on the enemy, declared:

"Crack Japanese divisions have and are taking a hammering that will have considerable influence on the future course of the war... 'Singapore's defenders have no against all the Netherlands East Indies added to the gravity of the united nation's position. Tokyo headquarters declared sea-borne Japanese troops had completely occupied Macassar,

Bataan peninsula. But Singapore's defenders have this in common with MacArthur's men—the same courage, the same fortitude, the same will to win every vital hour."

Rescue Ships Blasted

Hundreds of fires set by Japanese bombers and artillery bombardment raged in Singapore.

Virtually unopposed in the air, Japanese dive-bombers were blasting at British troops and rescue ships in the harbor.

Hundreds of women and children already had been removed from the doomed city.

Bloodily and gallantly, the outnumbered defenders executed a pledge Jan. 27 by Prime Minister Churchill that the battle "will be fought to the last inch."

A note demanding surrender, dropped yesterday by a Japanese warplane, was ignored by the garrison commander, Lieut. Gen. Percival. He acknowledged, however, that his men were being driven slowly back on the western side of the island.

"The enemy's advance has been assisted by tanks and considerable bomber and fighter support," said a communique.

Japanese imperial headquarters said the invaders had won "complete mastery over the main defense fortifications" and were mopping up around the water reservoir on the central part of the island.

London Braced For Loss

London authorities were grimly prepared for loss of the \$400,000,000 Asiatic bastion. Holding off of the invasion army until withdrawal of women and children was completed was apparently one aim of the defense forces.

In Sydney, Australia, CBS reporter, Cecil Brown, said Singapore "probably will be in Japanese hands in the next 24 to 72 hours." He reiterated charges that caused him to be barred from the air in Singapore one month ago—charges that the British were complacent and ill-prepared for the Malay fight.

Japs Gain On Other Fronts Japanese hurdling of the lower Salween river in a drive against Burma's defenders to Martaban, 80 miles by air from the city of Rangoon and the rising threat against all the Netherlands East Indies added to the gravity of the united nation's position.

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Japs Await Aid for New Drive Against MacArthur

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nilla reported that Japanese efforts to win the friendship of the Filipinos is falling miserably in the face of widespread hunger and their mistreatment of the people.

At least 10 and possibly 20 Filipinos are said to have been executed for opposing the Japanese occupation forces. Their bodies afterwards were thrown into Manila bay, according to information reaching here.

JAPS SUFFER FURTHER SMASHES ON BATAAN

WITH AMERICAN FORCES ON BATAAN PENINSULA, Feb. 11.—(Delayed)—(AP)—American shore defense guns have smashed into complete and costly failure another Japanese effort to crack the western flank of General MacArthur's lines on Bataan peninsula, and have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy in doing so.

The Japanese tried a before-dawn landing from a number of barges towed by a sea-going tug, but were driven off by artillery and machine-gun fire which sank several barges and killed a number of troops. When daylight came the American guns scored a direct hit that sank the tug and left the barges drifting helplessly toward shore, where several more were sunk and others were captured.

U. S. Gift Material Used

These barges carried life-saving and other equipment marked "United States Army Transport Merritt"—equipment which Gen. MacArthur, then a brigadier and commander of the Philippine scouts, sent to Japan in 1923 after the disastrous earthquake and fire.

Some of the Japanese soldiers tried to swim north to the safety of their own lines but were killed by rifle fire from the shore.

Previous attempts to dent MacArthur's left flank also have been shattered, and on the few occasions when the Japanese succeeded in landing they were wiped out completely except for the few who were wounded and taken prisoner.

Suicide Unit Erased

The final mopping up of the west coast battleground where a Japanese suicide battalion landed

last week resulted in a count of almost 400 Japanese dead, not counting those buried by the Japanese during the fight.

The last Japanese took refuge in caves along the shore. When all else failed, American soldiers tied sticks of dynamite with short fuses to the ends of long bamboo poles and flipped the dynamite into the caves from the cliffs above.

Jap Cruelty Reported

Filipinos formerly employed by the American army and navy are roped to telephone poles along the main streets of Manila. For three days and nights they are held there, virtually without food and kicked and slapped by passing Japanese sentries.

If, at the end of this period, the Japanese find them "guilty" of assisting Americans, they are executed. Otherwise they are released.

Two high officials of the Philippine supreme court—Judge Arsenio Locson and Judge Gregorio Narvasa—were trussed up publicly in this fashion and released only after several hours, when the Japanese apologized for their "mistake."

Pro-Japanese agents are said still to be extremely active, principally the Sakdalistas and Ganaps, members of Filipino parties

which long have agitated for freedom from American rule. They point out suspects to the Japanese sentries.

When these agents fail to turn in any suspects, they are themselves tied up. Hence they make their accusations at random.

One Filipino who helped the Japanese find a 5,000-gallon cache of gasoline and was rewarded publicly for that deed later was reported to have been shot for failing to locate additional supplies.

C. J. Ritchey, Resident Of Myrtle Creek, Dies

C. J. Ritchey, a well-known resident of Myrtle Creek, died at Mercy hospital last night following a long illness. The body has been removed to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

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