

Further Reverses Loom For Allies, F. D. R. Warns

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have the opposite effect of making the people fighting mad. And a fighting mad people, many thought, would rise at once to the "prodigious effort" to which President Roosevelt summoned the United States last night.

"The task that we Americans now face will test us to the uttermost," the commander-in-chief declared. "Never before have we had so little time in which to do so much."

The president's address had both a somber side and an encouraging side.

The axis, he reported, was exerting every ounce of strength, striving against time, in a supreme effort to destroy the lines of communications linking the United Nations, so that the allies would be isolated and then conquered one by one.

Enemy Paying Heavily
The United Nations had been forced to yield ground and might have to yield more, he acknowledged, but he added:

"Actually we are taking a heavy toll of the enemy every day that goes by."
Specifically, he said, "to date—and including Pearl Harbor—we have destroyed considerably more Japanese planes than they have destroyed of ours."

Moreover, Mr. Roosevelt disclosed, American forces in the southwest Pacific battle theatre were steadily growing.

"Transportation difficulties had been immense," he said, "but I can tell you that in two and a half months we already have a large number of bombers and pursuit planes, manned by American pilots, which are now in daily contact with the enemy in the southwest Pacific."

"And thousands of American troops are today in that area engaged in operations not only in the air but on the ground as well."

This was the first official intimation that a sizable vanguard of an A. E. F. was on the scene of action.

Philippine Policy Told
Turning to the debit side, Mr. Roosevelt discussed the situation of the Philippines in terms that left no room for optimism on the possibilities of reinforcing or relieving General MacArthur.

The turn of events there, he said, had long been anticipated.

"For forty years it has been our strategy—a strategy born of necessity—that in event of a full scale attack on the islands by Japan, we should fight a delaying action, attempting to retire slowly into Bataan peninsula and Corregidor."

"We knew that the war as a whole would have to be fought and won by a process of attrition against Japan itself. . . . We knew that, to obtain our objective, many varieties of operations would be necessary in areas other than the Philippines."

"Nothing that has occurred in the past two months has caused us to revise this basic strategy of necessity—except that the defense put up by General MacArthur has magnificently exceeded the previous estimates of endurance, and he and his men are gaining eternal glory therefore."

The president paid tribute not only to MacArthur's men, but to the fighting forces of the United Nations in China, in Burma and in the Indies.

Rumor Mongers Scored
The president administered stern reproof to "the rumor mongers and poison peddlers in our midst" for "damnable misstatements" on American war losses, and he called attention to the promptness with which axis propagandists seized on such material to encourage defeatism.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the consequences of the attack on Pearl Harbor had been "wildly exaggerated" in "weird rumors" of staggering losses.

Cautioning the people against placing stock in unfounded gossip of this character, the chief executive promised that the country would be kept informed on the trend of the war.

"Your government," he declared, "has unmistakable confidence in your ability to bear the worst, without flinching or losing heart. You must, in turn, have complete confidence that your government is keeping nothing from you except information that will help the enemy in his attempt to destroy us."

While acknowledging the reverses suffered to date, Mr. Roosevelt had this to say "once and for all to the people of the world:"

"We Americans have been compelled to yield ground, but we will regain it. We and the other United Nations are committed to the destruction of the militarism of Japan and Germany. We are daily increasing our strength. Soon, we and not our enemies, will have the offensive; we, not they, will win the final battles; and we, not they, will make the final peace."

JAP ADVANTAGES ONLY TEMPORARY—CHURCHILL

LONDON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today that Japan rules the air and is exercising

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ing a temporary and "waning command of the sea" in the area of her operations, but he predicted a final victory, which he said might come unexpectedly, over the axis.

The Japanese also are employing numerically superior land forces of about 26 divisions—probably 300,000 combat troops and 100,000 additional men in supply and auxiliary forces—in the ABDA (American, British, Dutch, Australian) area, he added, and their command of the air "makes it costly and difficult for our air reinforcements to establish themselves and secure dominance."

Efforts to reinforce the area are further complicated by Britain's "very heavy" shipping losses since 1939, losses which he admitted had shown a most serious increase in the past two months.

Thus, as a result of Japan's entry into the war, Britain must reckon with "an evident prolongation of the war"—perhaps until 1943 or 1944.

Attrition Also Counted On
But he announced that he shortly would submit a scheme for post-war reconstruction because "we cannot be sure as in the last war that victory may not come upon us unexpectedly."

Even without sensational victories, he suggested a successful conclusion of the war might come for the United Nations through the effects of attrition.

"It would not be necessary even to push back the German lines over all the territory they have absorbed. Germany might be defeated more fatally in the fourth or fifth year of the war than if the allies had marched into Berlin in the first year."

He declared that "if we can look forward across" the initial setbacks since Japan entered the war "we can see very clearly that our position has been enormously improved not only in the last two years but in the last few months."

Sub Shells Oil Field On Coast of California

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or whether planes were sent in search of the submersible.

Witnesses at Goleta said the submarine seemed to head south after it ceased firing.

G. O. Brown, an oil worker off duty, said Barnsdall's main absorption plant, almost on the beach, seemed to be the submarine's objective. Bankline and Rio Grande oil companies also have leases in this, the Ellwood, field.

Wells extend out into the Pacific to form one of the largest submarine oil fields in the western hemisphere, but the submersible made no attempt to destroy these.

One of the shells whistled three miles inland to the Tecolote ranch, where it exploded. Another cleared the highway and burst in foothills. Others fell short, on the beach.

NAVY LAUNCHES SEARCH FOR JAP SUBMARINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The war department announced today that army and navy aircraft and surface vessels have started a search for the enemy submarine which shelled the Bankline oil refinery near Ellwood, Calif., last night.

The submarine, apparently Japanese, fired 15 rounds of five-inch shells at the refinery, the department said.

The fact that the submarine off California carried two five-inch guns, informed persons said, indicated that it was one of a fleet of huge, long-range submersibles built by the Japanese in 1939 and 1940.

The Japanese were reported to have 19 of these under water giants, approximately 350 feet long, ranging from 2,180 to 2,500 tons, and with a cruising range of about 15,000 miles. They were said to be equipped with two 5.5-inch guns as against the armament of a single gun usually a 3-inch rifle, carried by most submarines. The big, new Japanese submersibles also have six 20-inch torpedo tubes.

Carrying a large crew, they were reported to have a speed of about 17 knots on the surface, and about 9 knots when submerged.

OREGON, WASHINGTON AREAS STAGE ALERTS

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Oregon coast received an order of alert last night and this town at the mouth of the Columbia river blacked out.

The alert followed by several hours the submarine shelling near Santa Barbara. After 45 minutes without incident, the all clear was sounded.

At Tillamook, civilian defense officials said an order of alert was received.

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Seattle and western Washington air raid wardens were maintained on a two-hour alert after the submarine shelling on the California coast last night. Radio stations remained on the air.

Improving—F. L. Crittenden, who has been ill at his home on South Main street for the last week, is now reported to be improving. Mr. Crittenden is manager of the local telephone office.

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against a colossal enemy and he gives no quarter," Vichy quoted the nazis.

Hundreds of thousands of Russian troops freshly brought to the front from Siberia are launching fierce attacks on nazi positions in the north, the center and the south, according to this version.

Vichy added that the Germans reported they had been forced to withdraw to a new defense line 40 miles southwest of Leningrad after being hurled out of several strongly fortified positions in a savage battle.

(By the Associated Press)
Russia's armies drove a spearhead against the heart of the German "escape corridor" from Moscow today, sharply threatening the main nazi route of retreat with the capture of Dorogobuzh, only 15 miles south of the Moscow-Smolensk railroad, midway between Vyazma and Smolensk.

Dorogobuzh is 50 miles east of Smolensk, key German base on the Moscow front.

At the same time, the British radio reported that the reds armies had also captured the town of Panino, 14 miles north of the beleaguered nazi base at Rzhev which in turn is 125 miles northwest of Moscow, and guards the north flank of the withdrawing nazi invaders.

Berlin several days ago reported heavy fighting south of Rzhev. Adolf Hitler's field headquarters again gave a vague account of fighting on the long winter-bound front, asserting that "at various points, formations on the army and air force repulsed more enemy attacks."

14,000 Nazis Said Slain.
German night raiders were credited by the high command with setting big fires in the Russian fortress at Sevastopol, in the Crimea.

More than 14,000 Germans were declared to have been killed in recent Russian assaults which yielded numerous points on the approaches to a southwest-ern city—perhaps Kharkov—and continued fighting was reported about Leningrad.

Auto Drivers Examiners Change Roseburg Date

Examiners from the state motor vehicle department, who have been making stops in Roseburg each Tuesday, hereafter will spend Friday in Roseburg, it was announced today by Ward McReynolds, chief examiner for the southwestern Oregon district. Mr. McReynolds reports that a change in schedule has been made, effective March 1, which will shift the date of the Roseburg stop from Tuesday to Friday. The next visit will be on the date of March 6 and the hours will be from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., at the Roseburg city hall.

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The Truxton was the same type of old destroyer as the Reuben James, which was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic off Iceland with the loss of 100 officers and men last fall.

The normal complement of the Pollux, a new 6,085-ton merchant vessel which had been taken over by the navy only last year, was not given.

John O. Bryant Dies At County Hospital

John Owen Bryant, 59, of route 2, Roseburg, died suddenly at the county hospital Monday afternoon. He was born August 13, 1882, at Chippewa Falls, Wis., and had made his home in Roseburg for the last three years.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home and funeral arrangements will be announced upon receipt of word from relatives.

Ben McMullen's Body Found Near Rock Creek

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to the charge of the Roseburg Undertaking company.

Mr. McMullen, who was 78 years of age, was born January 4, 1864, at Brockville, Can. He came to the United States at the age of 12 years, and had made his home in Roseburg since 1900, residing at 544 N. Pine street.

Surviving are his wife, Nellie F. McMullen, and one son, the latter a resident of California.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

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Disclosure of the loss of the Truxton, following closely on the navy's announcement yesterday that the coast guard cutter Alexander Hamilton had been torpedoed and later sunk off Iceland with a "moderate" loss of personnel, was made in a communication which tersely described efforts at rescue and how difficult they were on the rocky coast and in the oil spilled from the broken ships.

Efforts to put lines ashore

from the stricken vessels failed.

A breeches buoy finally was rigged to a ledge at sea level, but some survivors were washed ashore before they could be gotten to the top of the cliff that lined the rocky coast.

The Truxton, the navy said, broke up almost immediately after grounding and soon afterward the Pollux also went to pieces under the pounding of the violent seas.

Such as did survive owe their rescue in large measure, the navy declared, to the "tireless, efficient and in many cases heroic action of the people of St. Lawrence, Newfoundland."

The 6,085-ton Pollux, a converted merchantman, was completed in 1940 at Kearny, N. J., at a cost of \$2,100,000. She was then named the Comet and was owned by the maritime commission.

Her normal complement as a naval stores ship called for 18 officers and 160 men. She had a speed of 15 knots and was converted into a naval auxiliary at the cost of \$1,500,000.

She was placed under the command of Commander Hugh W. Turney when she was commissioned at Brooklyn's navy yard last May 6.

Ammunition Age Not Drawback, Chief Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, chief of the navy's bureau of ordnance, said today that the navy was using some ammunition made more than a decade ago, but added that "mere age is no criterion of its effectiveness."

He appeared before the house naval committee at an inquiry ordered as a result of a radio report quoting an unidentified naval lieutenant as saying that anti-aircraft ammunition aboard his ship in the Pacific was made in 1930 and was only 30 per cent effective.

Blandy said that both he and Navy Secretary Knox were "very seriously concerned" over the report and added, "I am not going to stop until I get full information."

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