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## NEW GUINEA

Outcome of the present battle against the Japanese invasion of the island will have an important bearing on the safety of Australia. Follow the progress of the combat through NEWS-REVIEW service.

# NEW GUINEA BATTLES JAPANESE INVASION

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
LATEST spot news is thrilling. MacArthur has been taken out of beleaguered Batana, landed safely in Australia and made supreme commander of United Nations forces in the East Indies, the Philippines and the South Pacific.

Whether he ranks Wavell in India isn't made clear by today's dispatches.  
It may be supremely important as well as thrilling. History tells us that GENIUS IN COMMAND is the most important ingredient in the recipe for victory. It was Hannibal, Alexander and Napoleon, rather than the forces they led, that rocked the world.

It was not until Grant was found that the North began to capitalize upon its superior resources in man power and industrial organization.  
SECRETARY of War Stimson discloses at the same time that U. S. troops and air corps units "in considerable numbers" have arrived in Australia.

Australian Premier Curtin announces that Australian air forces that took part in the East Indies and Malaya fighting are back for the most part on their home soil, providing a core of hardened and experienced fighters.  
A reception is being prepared for the Japs, if and when they decide to move on to the south.

AS to such a decision, there are rumors in plenty but no definite, confirmed developments.  
Dispatches today to London papers assert that the Jap naval forces that participated in the Java invasion—consisting of cruisers, carriers and shoals of destroyers—are on their way to Australia now. They are reported to be massing heavy air forces in New Guinea.

The Japs are said to be planning to launch their offensive against Australia's eastern seaboard, where the great cities are, instead of attempting an invasion from the far north across waterless deserts.

THE Chinese repeat their warning of a sudden Jap attack on Siberia. (The Chinese intelligence (Continued on page 2)

**Mass Evacuation of Japanese From Pacific Coast Defense Areas Begun**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19.—(AP)—Mass evacuation of all Japanese from military zone No. 1 starts early next week with a contingent of 1,000 volunteers from the Los Angeles area, and the army made it clear today that it wants the 2,000-mile-long strategic strip of coast-line cleared with the least possible delay.  
Lieut.-General J. L. DeWitt, head of the western defense command, urged other Japanese to follow the example of the Los Angeles volunteers, saying:  
"I desire to make it unmistakably clear that evacuation will be continued with or without such cooperation. With such cooperation, those affected will find their situation much less difficult."  
The Los Angeles volunteers are the first evacuation group announced by the army, although voluntary exodus has been reported gaining momentum. They will help establish homes, agricultural work, schools, churches, a 150-bed hospital, recreational facilities and generally pioneer a reception center at Manzanar, 40 miles south of Bishop in the Owens valley of southeastern California, east of the rugged Sierra Nevada. There the Japanese will live

## Gasoline Rationing Order Affects Oregon

### Due in About Six Weeks, Ickes States

### Retail Price Freezing, Cut in Filling Station Hours Also Directed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(AP) Petroleum Coordinator Ickes announced today a rigid gasoline rationing system would be instituted in the east and Pacific northwest as soon as the cards can be printed—which he estimated would be within six weeks.

The card rationing would supplement the curtailment program instituted over the same area today through reduction by 20 per cent in the supplies of gasoline delivered to filling stations.

Ickes said he could not say now whether the more rigid system would be severer than the present one-fifth cut in consumption, but expressed the hope that the card system might be instituted quickly because of the increasing urgency of the supply situation in the two coastal areas caused by the sinking and war diversion of tanker ships.

"We will go on a card rationing system as soon as Mr. Henderson, the price administrator, can get around to it," the petroleum coordinator said. "He will do the rationing."

Operations of approximately 100,000 filling stations in the area were limited to a 12-hour day, six-day-week.  
Retail Prices Frozen  
Supplementing this wartime action, the office of price administration froze the retail gasoline prices in the area at the levels prevailing last Friday and made violations punishable by a maximum \$5,000 fine or one year imprisonment.

The freezing order, which will (Continued on page 6)

### Night Clam Digging, Fireworks Sale Banned

SALEM, Mar. 19.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague today ordered that clam digging on Oregon beaches be restricted to daylight hours, and asked the public and local authorities to ban the sale of fireworks for the duration of the war.

The governor's action was requested by Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, commanding the northwestern sector.

General Joyce wrote the governor that the army's ban on fire and lights at night on ocean beaches would make night clam digging impossible.

### Douglas County Selective Service Board Awaits Official Number List; Ages 18-19 and 45-64 Register Next

VENICE, Calif., Mar. 19.—(AP)—Taichi Ishihara, a Japanese, held No. 441, fourth drawn in the new draft lottery. It tops the list in the Venice board.

Announcement of order numbers of men registered in the recent selective service registration is awaiting receipt of a master list of the numbers from the recent drawing in Washington, the local selective service board reported today. So far no list of the numbers in the order in which they were drawn has been received by the board for comparison with the local files. Information so far has been based upon newspaper lists.

It will probably be a week before the official list is obtained from Washington, Chairman R. L. Preston stated, after which the serial and order numbers of Douglas county registrants will be announced.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(AP)—The next selective service registration, officials said today, has been set tentatively for "late in the spring or early summer."  
Awaiting to be enrolled are men of 18 and 19 years old, those be-

### Two More Boats Added to Toll of Axis Torpedoes

LEWES, Del., Mar. 19.—(AP)—The 5,402-ton Yugoslavian freighter Trepa was torpedoed and sunk off the Atlantic coast March 13 in broad daylight, the fourth naval district announced today after 33 survivors were landed here.

Four crew members are missing.  
Survivors drifted three days in open lifeboats before being rescued "somewhere southeast of Delaware capes" by a Swedish freighter. Six were injured, one seriously.

Complete identity of the ship was given out contrary to the navy's usual policy of not announcing names by authority of the Yugoslavian minister, naval officials explained.

The Trepa was built in England in 1930 and owned by the Yugoslavianski-Lloyd Steamship company.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(AP)—The navy announced today that a large Norwegian merchant vessel, otherwise unidentified, had been torpedoed off the southeast United States coast. The torpedoing of the Norwegian vessel occurred several days ago, the navy said.

### Reduced Food Rations In Store for Germany

LONDON, Mar. 19.—(AP)—Reuters said the Berlin radio was heard today announcing that food rations are to be reduced in Germany beginning April 4.

The broadcast reported that there will be cuts in bread, fat and meat rations, but that these will affect only the normal consumer, about 40 per cent of the population.

Needs of heavy workers will be considered, the German radio added, while the needs of growing children either will remain the same or be increased slightly.

### Woman in Ill Health Commits Suicide

PENDLETON, Mar. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Lawrence Hemphill, about 35, died at her home here yesterday of what Coroner J. A. Folsom said was self-administered poison.  
The body was found by her two step-daughters. She left notes indicating dependency over ill health, the coroner said.

### Forced Labor Not Required, Nelson Holds

### War Production Chief Opposes Bill to Suspend Extra Pay, Closed Shop

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board took the stand today that new labor legislation was not needed, that "we can get increased production without use of force."

Nelson's view, expressed before a senate subcommittee, contrasted with that of Rep. Smith (D-Vt.) who, in urging house naval committee approval of his bill to limit profits and abolish extra pay for overtime, said members of congress were "feeling the lash of the whip" from constituents clamoring for such legislation.

"I want to see labor and management given a chance to carry out their promises," Nelson told reporters after an appearance before the senate group which has been considering demands for labor law changes.

The war production chief said he had explained in detail to the senators, in an executive session, ways by which he believed that war production might be increased as much as 25 per cent with existing equipment.

Warns Against Change  
Undersecretary of War Patterson testified to the house committee that a violent change in deal-

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### Hitler Calls Back Ousted Army Aides

### Fuehrer Seeks Advice in Effort to Turn German Retreat Into Offensive

(By the Associated Press)  
Climaxing three months of bloody retreat, Adolf Hitler has abandoned his lone-wolf role in guarding the destiny of German arms, it was reported today, and has called back his generals to help the Nazi spring offensive.

The Berlin correspondent of the Basel (Switzerland) National Zeitung said Hitler had summoned nearly all the German officers, including Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, who were ousted or resigned after the drive against Moscow failed last December.

Hitler at that time announced this his "intuition" had led him to take over supreme command of the German armies.

The National Zeitung correspondent said the Nazi spring offensive might be expected soon, with the Fuehrer and his generals now mapping strategy at a series of staff conferences.

The question of throwing Russia's winter steamroller into reverse still remained to be solved, however, and today's German high command communique acknowledged that the red armies were attacking relentlessly and

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### Ira B. Riddle Named to Office Of Peace Justice

Attorney Ira B. Riddle was appointed by Governor Charles A. Sprague late Wednesday to serve as justice of the peace for Deer Creek district, succeeding the late R. W. Marsters. Mr. Riddle today took the oath of office and assumed his new duties.

He announced that he will move his office to the courthouse and occupy the quarters formerly used by Judge Marsters.

The position is to be filled by election this year as his appointment is only for the remainder of the year. However, Mr. Riddle has filed his declaration of candidacy and will seek election to the office for the six-year term.

He served as justice of the peace a number of years ago and has also held the office of county clerk and city attorney, and now is a member of the Roseburg city council.

Hartfel Also Candidate.  
Thomas C. Hartfel, well known Roseburg attorney, filed with County Clerk Roy Agee today his declaration as a candidate for the office of justice of the peace for Deer Creek district. Mr. Hartfel has been active in the work of the republican party in the county and also has served as president of the county health association and has taken a prominent part in various civic affairs.

### Jehovah Witness Sect Wins Ruling On Street Sales

Members of the Jehovah's Witnesses religious sect cannot be prosecuted for selling their religious publications on street corners, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled today in an opinion requested by District Attorney J. V. Long of Douglas county.

Long had asked whether the witnesses, who refuse to salute the flag, could be prosecuted for an act which "grossly disturbs the peace."

Van Winkle replied that "it does not appear that the conduct (of the Witnesses) is violent, or that the individuals concerned have uttered fighting words or words which naturally tend to provoke breaches of peace, although it may well be that the conduct of those individuals is annoying or offensive to other people."

Long had cited an incident which occurred recently at Myrtle Creek, involving high school students, selling defense stamps on a street corner and waving a flag, and a Witness next to him selling religious literature.

The student's flag grazed the face of the Witness, who brushed the flag away. The mother of the student then told the Witness that if he laid a hand on the student, she would "mop up the earth" with the Witness.

Twenty-five or more persons then gathered about, urging the student to keep on selling the defense stamps.

Long had asked specifically whether the Witness could be prosecuted for disturbing the peace.

### Beating Cures Ailment; Complaint Withdrawn

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—(AP)—Two years ago George W. Henry, then 58 and in poor health, was beaten severely during a labor dispute.  
He swore vengeance against John Ward, 28, and Joseph Whalen, 27, and caused their indictment for the assault.  
Yesterday an astonished judge dismissed the indictment at Henry's request after the latter insisted the defendants had done him a favor by trouncing him.  
Henry said that when he went to a hospital after the assault, doctors discovered he was suffering from a chronic ailment, and cured him.

### Nazi Mission Heads Guide Nippon Horde

### North Australia, Florida Island Also Hit; Planes Hit Another Jap Cruiser

By VERN HAUGLAND  
MELBOURNE, Mar. 19.—(AP)—The battle about Australia's northern tip broke into new fury today with allied air attacks on the Japanese at several island points, Japanese raids on northern Australia and the Solomon islands, and sensational reports that German missionaries are leading an overland Japanese invasion in New Guinea.

Messages from Port Moresby, on southern New Guinea, said the German missionaries and their native pupils were guiding the Japanese in a drive from the north coast.

The Germans were declared to have maintained secret radio transmitters and a factory for making swastika regalia and flags at their missions around Finschhafen and Alexishafen.

Australian authorities recently smashed one transmitter and seized more than 400 Nazi flags. (Northeast New Guinea was a German colony before the World war. A 1939 census showed 473 Germans there.)

The missionaries were said to be leading the Japanese westward from Lae, on the east coast, through the Markham valley. It was believed this was intended to take over a system of good airports in the valley, although it might develop into a southward swing toward Port Moresby.

The Japanese launched their first air attack, reportedly without damage, on Cape York across Torres Strait from Port Moresby, struck again at Darwin, and bombed Tulagi, Florida Island, in the Solomons.

Damage Minimized  
The new Japanese bombing blows today against Port Moresby and the mainland city of Darwin were officially minimized.

(A Berlin radio report quoted by the British Exchange Telegraph agency, said the Japanese advancing overland in New Guinea had occupied about 30 air fields in the south of the island (Continued on page 6)

### American General To Command Units Of Chinese Army

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(AP)—The war department announced today that Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell of the United States army had been put in command of the fifth and sixth Chinese armies operating with British forces defending Burma against the Japanese.

The action was taken by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek of China, a brief communique said. General Stilwell went to China a few weeks ago and served initially as Chiang's chief of staff.

NEW DELHI, India, Mar. 19.—(AP)—American volunteer group and British pilots possibly destroyed 25 enemy planes in attacks on Japanese-held air dromes in southern Burma yesterday, a communique from British headquarters in Burma reported today.

MANDALAY, Burma, Mar. 19.—(AP)—The big battle of the Prome river—key to Burma's Yenangyung oil fields—seemed today ready to burst momentarily as Japanese troops streamed up the Irrawaddy valley for an assault on the new British defense positions.

CHUNGKING, Mar. 19.—(AP)—An army spokesman said today that Japan had stretched her supply lines 5,000 miles north and south from Manchukuo to Timor and 4,000 miles east and west from Wake island to Burma to a point where she was bound to encounter difficulties.  
He said the Japanese already were beginning to feel the lack of adequate shipping to keep a war machine in action at these distances.

### Killer, in His Last Day, Displays No Concern

SALEM, Mar. 19.—(AP)—Still unconcerned over his scheduled execution in the state prison lethal gas chamber at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow, John Soto, 17-year-old triple slayer, will be moved tonight to the prison death cell, located in a room adjacent to that containing the chamber.

Prison Warden George Alexander said Soto is in "fine shape," and that he apparently wants to die.

Soto's only chance for a postponement of the execution would be to appeal to the state supreme court, Governor Sprague already having rejected pleas for clemency made by Soto's mother.

### Visitor to Strangled Woman Is Arrested

PORTLAND, Mar. 19.—(AP)—Police today announced they had arrested one of two men in the apartment of Gwen Ponsen, 35, last Saturday night some hours before she was strangled to death.

The body of the office worker was found by other occupants of her apartment house Sunday. A red mark around her neck showed she had been strangled with a cord but other imprints indicated she might have been choked into unconsciousness by hand first.

Police would not name the arrested man but said he had been invited by Miss Ponsen to her apartment and departed about 2:30 a. m. Sunday, leaving her in the company of another male visitor.

### W. V. Monger Files for State Senator Race

Walter V. Monger, a resident of Lookingglass, today filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for the republican ticket for the office of state senator from Douglas county. Mr. Monger was a flier during the first World war and has been active in veterans affairs. He is a member of the executive committee of the local chapter of Disabled American Veterans. In recent years he has been engaged in farming at Lookingglass.

### False Pay Raise Rumors Lure Shipyard Workers

RICHMOND, Calif., Mar. 19.—(AP)—About 1,000 men had quit their jobs today at the Todd-California and Richmond Shipbuilding corporation, and company officials said they believed they had been lured by prospects of more money on 10-hour shifts falsely rumored to be in operation at competing shipyards.

Union and federal officials said the rumors of longer shifts might have been started by subversive groups seeking to hamper war production.

Union leaders condemned the resignations, which began late yesterday and continued until midnight.

## I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



AN EAST OR RIVERBANK view of Mercy hospital, disclosing the sun porch now under construction there. Formerly this side of the building was the front, facing a driveway which at that time was the only entrance to the premises. A large porch overlooked this driveway, and this is which now has been altered into a sunroom.  
Incidentally, stucco has been applied to the portion of the east wall, which remained unfinished when the rest of the building was treated several years ago.  
The past several years have witnessed many improvements at the hospital, which add much to the convenience of patients there and to the facilities for their treatment. The winding ramp up which they formerly were carried has been replaced by an elevator; a new suite of rooms has been established and a nursery; new surgical equipment installed; most of the rooms re-furnished and re-decorated, and many other items which for the moment escape my memory.  
The hospital is operated by the Sisters of Mercy. This organization is to be congratulated upon its management of the institution. The funds at its disposal have been very meagre, and they have been made to go a long way.