

# Singapore Defense Major Job

By DON TREADGOLD

While our own troops make a magnificent but practically hopeless stand north of Manila, we look with even greater anxiety toward Singapore. That fortress is one of the six great bastions of Allied sea power spanning the globe (the others being Panama, Pearl Harbor, Suez, Gibraltar, and Great Britain). Don't be misled by the fact that it is only a pinpoint on the map. Time on January 5 said that the axis object now is "to effect a vast pincer movement aimed at choking the only adequate supply lines to Russia and China, the Persian gulf route and the Burma road. If Japan takes Singapore and if Germany successfully makes the logical move against Suez . . . that object will be all but accomplished. The pincers will close on Russia and China. Without supply they will almost inevitably succumb." Time goes on to say that the pincers then will be reversed to close on Britain and the United States. Col. Frederic Palmer asserts that if Singapore is won, the Tokyo war lords would not worry about Hitler's troubles in Russia, but would simply take India for themselves.

## British Will Win

This writer would predict that Singapore will be held. This is not so much a reasoned conviction as the product of wishful thinking. But there are some good reasons, too. Air reinforcements are on the way and are already reaching Malaya in strength. The Japanese, as they approach Singapore, will move from trackless jungles to ground better organized by the British in the State of Johore. The British will fight harder and harder as the magnitude of the stakes becomes apparent.

Their supply lines will be short and communication simplified. They will be fighting within the shadow of the great fortress itself. Above all, the greatest criticism of the miscalculation and bungling on the part of old-school-tie British officers which brought on this whole mess is rising to fever pitch. Changes are being made and made swiftly.

Neither is this Singapore picture either all black or all white, though if the Japanese do capture it things will be black

enough for anybody. But there is a possibility that the siege of Singapore may be so bitter and prolonged that the effect of the great fort may be in part nullified. An example of what I mean is the Axis neutralization of Gibraltar by controlling its Spanish rear and the forts facing it across the Pillars of Hercules. Singapore may be rendered partially worthless to the allies without a single Jap ever setting foot in it. At any rate, if the allies have any good slogans left, they had better think up one for Singapore. They'll never have any greater need for one.

## Les Petites Bijoux

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We hope there's no hard feelings around the house, Will.

Who says romance at the U waits until spring term to blossom? Here's a host of pin-plantings to prove it. ELEANOR SEDERSTROM, Alpha Phi, and RAY BURLINGAME, Sigma Chi; DICK "GOOMER" LOOMIS, Chi Psi, and BETTE BROOKSHIER, Theta; JOHNNY VEATCH, Beta, and BETSY FEASLEY, Theta; NEAL BAUMGARDNER, Phi Delt, and JEAN KENDALL, Pi Phi; FRANK WATKINS, Phi DELT transfer from OSC, and PEGGY FORNEY, Pi Phi, JIM HIGGINS, Kappa Sig, and EDIE BORDA, DG; GREG DECKER, Sigma Nu, and NORMA TREVORROW, Alpha Chi; JACK GERTSON, Kappa Sig, and DOROTHEA GODLOVE, ADPI; RUTH JORDAN, Sigma Kappa.

ELLE FORREST, Gamma Phi, is trading campus life for Seattle where it won't be long before wedding bells will ring for her and PAUL HILLAR, DU. Rumors reach us of an imminent wed-

## Campus Calendar

Sigma Delta Chi will meet at 4 p.m. today in the journalism building.

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Business staff of Emerald will meet tonight at 7:30 in room 105 journalism. The meeting is for old members and others interested in signing up for work on the business staff.

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ding for Pi Phi BETTY ANDERSON and ex-student body president, HARRY WESTON.

Before we close we want to wish STEVE WORTH luck in his draft trouble, and GENE CECCHINI a happy ending to his double-woman trouble.

NYA Time Cards Due

NYA time cards must be turned in to the NYA office by noon Friday, January 16, announced Aida Brun, secretary, Wednesday. These time cards will cover the hours worked during the payroll period ending Thursday.

# Northwest Regional Council Appoints Dr. Erb New Member

(Continued from page one) of the region's problems and opportunities and also to provide machinery for conference and consultation among the advisory, research, planning and educational agencies concerned with the orderly development of the Pacific Northwest.

## Other Members

Other members of the council, whose headquarters are in Portland, include, besides President Yantis, who is also chairman of the Pacific Northwest regional planning commission, H. B. Kizer, vice-president, chairman of the Washington state planning council; A. A. Cleveland, dean of the college of education at Washington State college; J. W. Condie, state superintendent of public instruction in Idaho; and A. L. Strand, president of Montana State college.

Among the objectives of the Northwest Regional Council are these: 1. To stimulate a greater public awareness of the basic problems of the Pacific Northwest; 2. To make available at all educational levels accurate and stimulating materials concerning the social, economic, and governmental problems of the region; 3. To provide the machinery for

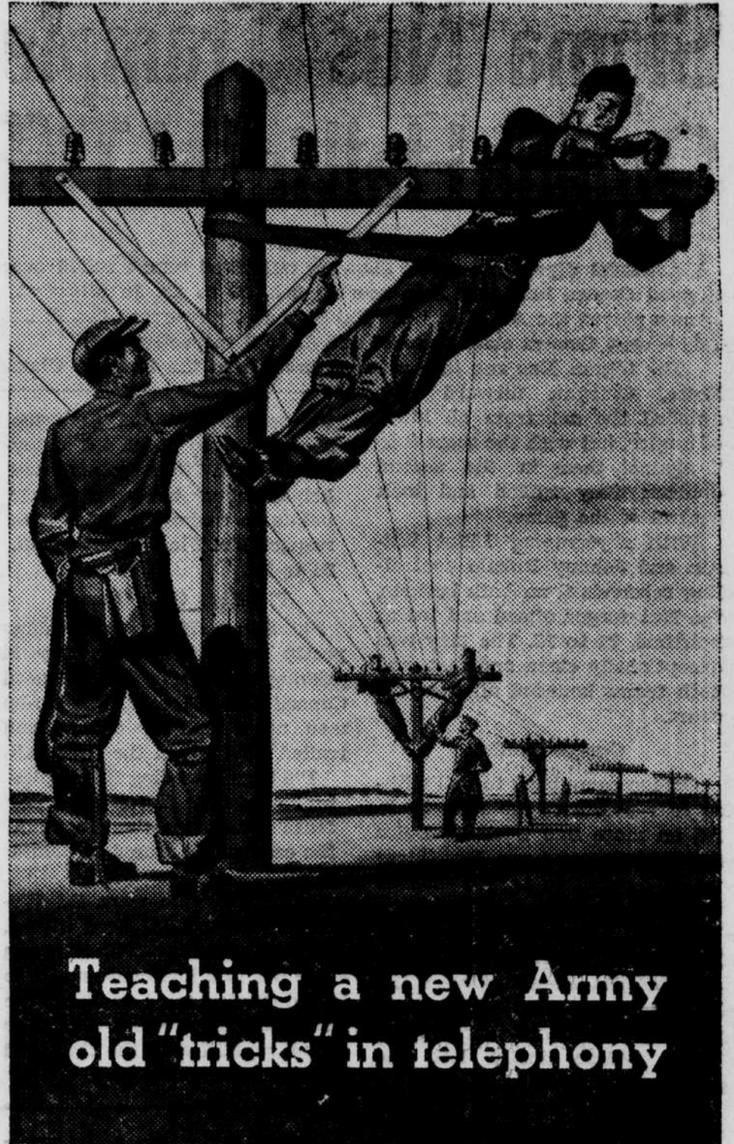
conference and consultation among the advisory research, planning and educational agencies concerned with the orderly development of the Pacific Northwest; 4. To foster coordinated research in the natural and human resource fields so that wasteful duplication may be avoided and new fields for constructive research may become more clearly defined.

## Clearing House

5. To act as a clearing house for the interchange of bibliographic and other technical data of regional significance; 6. To make known the training required and opportunities available for career service in the various agencies of federal, state and local government, while encouraging the extensions of public service training facilities; 7. To assist by means of publication and grants-in-aid specific research of a highly significant character and primarily regional in scope.

## Betas Pledge Walter

Earl Walter has been pledged by Beta Theta Pi fraternity, reported the dean of men's office Wednesday.



## Teaching a new Army old "tricks" in telephony

The telephone plays a vital role in army communications. So the Bell System is helping to school Signal Corps men in practically every phase of telephone construction, operation and maintenance.

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