

Japs Bombard Open Manila

Conditions to Cease Raids Aired; City Reported Ablaze

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capital meanwhile that badly needed reinforcements had been dispatched to the outnumbered island defenders battling Japanese invaders on the northern and southern fronts of Luzon.

In Washington official voices angrily denounced the bombardment of helpless Manila as Japanese "barbarism" and legislators talked of future "payment in kind" for Tokyo.

President Roosevelt summed up his historic conferences with Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain and representatives of other nations with the declaration that the anti-axis line-up had been "strengthened immeasurably."

He said "We have advanced far along the road toward achievement of the ultimate objective—the crushing defeat of those forces that have attacked and made war upon us."

The present objective, he continued, "is the marshalling of all resources, military and economic of the worldwide front opposing the axis."

Secretary of State Hull said the Japanese had taken to the Philippines the same practices of ferocity which they had inflicted on China. Senator Norris (Ind-Neb) said "their cities are open to attack, when we are ready, and we will burn them off the face of the earth and that is what they are coming to."

The center of the island capital was aflame, at least 50 persons were dead and unknown numbers wounded after the planes left the battered city. Not a shot was fired at them for Gen. Douglas MacArthur had officially declared it an open city Friday and its 600,000 residents were left without military protection.

The Japanese, who the Germans said do not recognize Manila as an open city, bombed it at will among government buildings, shopping districts, the old walled town, schools and churches while their troops were reported to have reached within 80 miles of Manila.

Unconfirmed dispatches said that Japanese invaders at the northern beachhead of Zamboanga had advanced more than 30 miles. They were variously reported at Moncada, 83 miles north of Manila and at Paniqui, five miles closer. In the south there was no letup in the Japanese push from Lamon bay area near Atimonan.

The navy department announced that two US destroyers were slightly damaged during bombing attacks in the Far East but there were no casualties.

The navy also said that while Japanese submarines are still operating in the US west coast shipping lanes, effective counter measures are making it difficult for them to attack. Measures have also been taken against enemy submarines in the Hawaii area.

The answer not only to Japan but to all the axis was mapped in Washington, where President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill completed their conferences on allied grand strategy with all the anti-axis nations taking part. Churchill was expected to depart for Canada shortly, leaving military experts to work out details of the plans blocked out by the leaders.

British empire representatives, diplomats from the American republics and representatives from German-occupied countries visited the White House in successive groups Saturday after which the British American war council held another meeting.

Pacific war fronts found the British and Japanese both moving reinforcements into the jungles of Malaya while the quiet but effective Dutch East Indies forces continued their successful attacks on Japanese shipping with the sinking of two more. Dutch commentators asked only for reinforcements to widen their successful harrying of Japanese water-borne transportation.

With their record of "one-a-day" the Dutch have knocked out three Japanese warships and 13 other ships with at least five others, including three warships damaged. Given more ships, planes and anti-aircraft equipment, the blows could be even more powerful, they said.

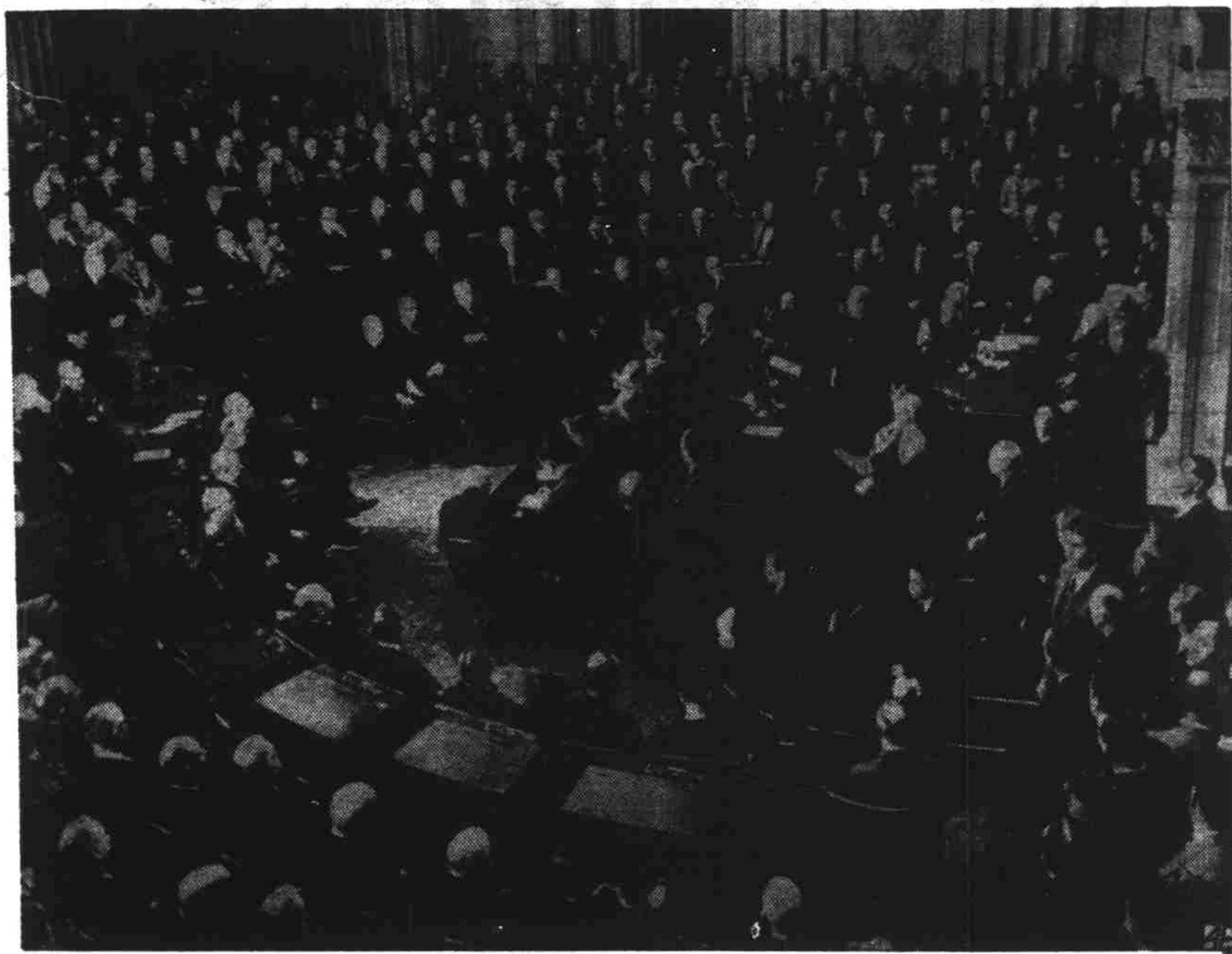
Nevertheless, despite the losses they have sustained at Sarawak, northern Borneo, the Japanese said they were planning on 700 tons of oil daily from this British protectorate.

On the Malay peninsula the Japanese were reported being held, at least temporarily, 300 miles from Singapore although Japanese patrols were said to be operating perhaps 100 miles closer.

Continuing the shake-up in the British command beginning with the appointment of Gen. Sir Henry Pownall as commander in chief of the British forces in the far east, the war office announced the appointment of Lieut. Gen. T. J. Hutton as commander in Burma under Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander-in-chief in India. Hutton replaces Lieut. Gen. D. K. McLeod, commander since 1938.

Australia made it plain that the war in the Pacific was a life and death struggle for her which could not be subordinated to the war in

Churchill Predicts Great Allied Offensive in Speech



Standing before a joint session of the congress of the United States in Washington, Winston Churchill, British prime minister, said the allied powers would be ready to take the initiative on an "ample scale" by 1942. Members of the US supreme court were seated on the left in the first semi-circular row; cabinet members in the center section, left to right, Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, jr., Attorney General Francis Biddle, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, Sir Charles Portal, British air chief marshal and Paul V. McNutt, security administrator.

Europe and Prime Minister John Curtin, in a newspaper article said the island commonwealth put its chief reliance in the United States.

"I make it clear that Australia looks to America, free from any pangs about our traditional links of friendship to Britain," he said. "... we know that Australia can go and Britain still will hold on. We are determined that Australia shall not go."

Enemy Aliens Hit by Order

Must Surrender All Cameras, Short-Wave Radios by Monday

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clared war on the United States. The aliens were given until 11 p. m. Monday to give up the contraband articles. Receipts describing the surrendered articles were to be given by city police, sheriffs or other officers accepting their custody. Presumably, the aliens might expect to recover the goods when hostilities cease.

The order applied not only to radio transmitters but to receivers with short wave bands—below 570 kilocycles or above 1550; most modern radios will receive in these zones. All cameras were included except large studio portrait cameras, which must be registered and may be used only with permission of the district attorneys. The department of justice warned enemy nationals that it was their responsibility to determine whether articles in their possession fall under the prohibitions.

Merit System Ordered for Promotions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(P)—On the eve of a vast expansion of the land forces, the war department ordered Saturday that the accompanying temporary promotion of army officers be based entirely on demonstrated merit.

Setting aside the remnants of the time-honored peace-time system of advancement based mainly on length of service, the order followed a 1917-1918 precedent. It is expected to lower the average age nearer to levels prevailing in the British and German armies, a long-standing war department objective, as well as to open the way to the top for youthful officers of proven capability.

The order was made applicable uniformly to reserve and national guard officers and retired officers recalled to active duty, as well as regulars.

The order made immediately effective a merit system toward which the army had been moving by gradual stages.

French Report Nazis Heading for Spain

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—(P)—An anti-Nazi, anti-Vichy radio station operating from a secret place in France, broadcast Saturday night that mass movement of German troops was under way toward the Spanish frontier.

The station, heard by CBS, said one troop train after another was carrying the Nazi forces southward through France. The announcer identified the station as "radio inconnu" (the unknown radio).

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Interned Japs Seek to 'Bet' US Will Win

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Japanese detained at Fort Mifflin, Mont., apparently want to place their bets on Uncle Sam in this contest.

The director at the alien detention station there informed Willard Kelly, director of the border patrol, that a group of Japanese awaiting hearings asked permission to transfer \$22,823 in frozen funds to US defense bonds. He asked advice on procedure.

The immigration bureau is taking up the question with the treasury's foreign funds division.

Soviet Pushes Germans Back

Rain Bogs Big Drive In Libya; Yugoslavs Dislodge Germans

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The British radio, heard by CBS, said that Yugoslav patriot forces had dislodged German contingents from positions held for the last six months in west and central Serbia. Violent battles were reported west of Belgrade while Chetnik guerrillas chivvied German supply lines to Salonika and Sofia.

In Africa, where Germans have been retreating with their Italian comrades in arms, there were indications that the forces of Gen. Erwin Rommel were planning to counter-attack with German and Italian reinforcements being sent to Tripoli.

The British said rain had bogged the chase of the axis forces, the "remnants" of the 150,000 men attacked by the British when the offensive began.

Young Native Soldier Tells Of Fighting

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captives, was banged on the feet with the butt of rifles by his Japanese captors and then placed on an enemy vessel in Mauban port.

The use of rifle butts, he said, was intended to inflict sufficient injury to prevent the escape of prisoners, but he said that in spite of his sore right foot he dove from the vessel, swam ashore and then made his way across the Sierra Madre mountains.

He was captured, he said, on Christmas morning.

Upon his arrival here for hospitalization, Salazar wore a makeshift uniform of blue dungarees and a coat over a turtle neck sweater, all of which he had taken from the body of a fallen invader.

The sweater had a bayonet rip which was located directly over the heart.

Oregon Enriched by Stimulus Of War Contracts, Says Report

PORTLAND, Dec. 27—(P)—Rapid development of Oregon's resources under stimulus of war contracts greatly enriched the state this year.

The Portland chamber of commerce estimated that at least \$250,000,000 had been authorized for expenditure in the Portland area, including Vancouver and Longview, Wash., and Troutdale and Fairview, Ore., aluminum plants.

Oregon shipbuilders contracted for at least \$113,308,400, and additional millions went into army, navy and maritime commission contracts.

The chamber of commerce said Portland bank clearings for the first 11 months of the year increased from \$1,723,309,957 in 1940 to \$2,324,268,389. Building permits were up to \$13,559,055 from \$9,696,115 last year.

Despite the fact that only 1120 ships called at Portland compared to 1494 last year, cargo tonnage dropped only 5 per cent to 4,930,000 short tons. Inbound cargo increased to offset an export decrease.

Customs collections for Oregon increased during the 11 months from \$892,067 to \$1,161,163.

Columbia river locks at Bonneville reported a cargo increase of 46 per cent to a total of approximately 918,000 short tons and Willamette river locks at Oregon City noted a 60 per cent increase, mostly in lumber, which totaled approximately 420,000,000 board feet.

Rules Outlined On Tire Sales

Regional Director Lists Conditions To Eligible Users

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retreaded or repaired for safe use at speeds at which the applicant may reasonably be expected to operate, or that such recapping or repairing cannot be obtained without inordinate delay.

6. That the applicant agrees to trade in replaced tires, casings, and tubes purchased under this order, or to dispose of replaced tires, casings and tubes as may otherwise be directed by the office of price administration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(P)—The office of price administration acted Saturday night to head off a prospective general increase in the wholesale price of cigarettes.

After the American Tobacco company announced an increase of 57 cents a thousand in the price of its popular brand, Price Administrator Leon Henderson sent inquiries to nine other leading tobacco companies asking them not to follow American's lead.

He also asked representatives of American to come here Monday to discuss that firm's action.

In another action, the price administration established a new schedule of ceilings on 39 grades of green coffee.

Henderson added that the new maximums were "intended to provide the American public with ample supplies of coffee at prices not inflated by the impact of war."

Army Planning Motor Program

West Coast Transport Will Be Organized To Move Supplies

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These offices, operated by specially qualified managers experienced in motor transportation and selected by industry members participating in the plan, will be organized to handle three functions:

- 1.—Direct the normal flow of military supplies and equipment;
- 2.—Emergency demands to move large consignments of supplies or equipment;
- 3.—Insure, as nearly as possible, the normal flow of commercial motor freight.

Members of the motor transportation industry will be summoned to meetings at each of the key cities where dispatching offices are to be opened, and the organization will be completed as soon as possible.

Commissioner Rogers, commenting on the plan, said:

"In my study of the problems which exist in connection with civilian motor transportation throughout the western defense command, I was immediately impressed with the extreme importance of the need for a sound plan which would promptly coordinate the efforts of the many agencies which both render as well as utilize motor transportation service."

"In forming this plan, we have designed it to be sufficiently flexible so as to provide for prompt and efficient service covering the wide range between that of normal routine movements of freight to one of extreme emergency movements on a major scale."

Dollars Lie In Streets Of HongKong

TOKYO, Dec. 27—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—The newspaper Asahi reported Saturday that, on the day after the Japanese occupation of HongKong, the streets of the British colony were littered with HongKong dollars—in use under British rule—and that no one bothered to pick them up.

US Forestry Man Promoted

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27—(P)—Fred Ames, head of the forest service's division of timber management here, was promoted Saturday to assistant regional forester in charge of recreation and lands.

L. F. Watts, regional forester, said Ames succeeded F. V. Horton, who was made chief of the division of operations to replace M. L. Merritt, retired.

US Red Cross Medical Supplies Reach Russ

MOSCOW, Dec. 27—(P)—The first large shipments of medical supplies and hospital equipment purchased with funds collected in the United States and contributed by the American Red Cross arrived recently at a soviet port.

