

### Battle Rages On Islands

#### Yanks Hit Back When Invaders Try All-Out Island Offensive

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ultimate victory, but were disturbed by "the danger of lying Japanese propaganda that may destroy your civil morale or create dissension or arouse peculiar ambitions amongst your citizens."

The Japanese, he advised, will promise independence and self determination, and "now they say they are your brothers," but they are not to be trusted.

"Watch the Quislings, remember their names so that when the war is over and the invaders are driven out these traitors shall be driven out with them, and sent to Japan to finish their lives in that serfdom and slavery that Japan always gives to any other nationality than her own."

From Secretary of the Navy Knox came an admonition against false hopes that the American fleet might soon in one swift stroke destroy Japan's sea power.

"I would not be frank with you," he said in an address to the United States conference of mayors, "if I led you to believe that you could expect favorable, dramatic developments of triumphant, American, full-scale naval engagements in the Pacific in the near future."

"The elements of distance, of time, and the necessarily wide distribution of our naval forces preclude what I know you all wish me to suggest: early conclusive showdown with the Japanese navy."

The navy secretary went on to say that the American navy was hot idle, however, and that the battle of the Atlantic was still the war's most important struggle.

"The full record of the navy in the battle for the Atlantic can not be told," he added. "To do so would be to give Hitler details of our successful operations he would gladly lose another Bismarck to know."

Hitler, he said, is the great enemy who must be beaten first, and when that is accomplished "the whole axis fabric will collapse."

### Nazis Prepare Malta Assault In Ten Daays

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 13—(AP)—The Daily Mail, in a dispatch dated Madrid, said Monday reports from Rome indicated German shock troops would attack Malta within "ten days or three weeks."

The dispatch, by Special Correspondent Harold Cardozo, said German reinforcements had been reported pouring into Italy to points from Brindisi to Syracuse, and that scores of coastal vessels were carrying "vast quantities" of ammunition and supplies for the gathering army.

"The concentration of German troops all face Malta," the correspondent continued. "At the nearest point they are only 100 miles away."

"The assault on Malta will be carried out practically exclusively by the German air force."

The recent increase in the number of daily air raids on Malta already had led British observers to speculate on the likelihood that the next axis invasion attempt might be directed against that stubborn British outpost in the central Mediterranean, where it long has been a dagger in the side of axis naval and North African programs.

Only Monday, Malta reported five air raids alarms.

Since the war began, Malta has had more than 1000 alarms, recently as many as 10 a day.

### US Defense Bond Registration Drive General is Appointed

#### Appointment of Joseph B. Felton, justice of the peace, as general for the defense savings bond registration to be conducted in Salem on January 20 was announced Monday by County Chairman Frederick H. Lamport.



JOSEPH B. FELTON

### FDR Orders Price Meet

#### President Personally Enters Fight to Get One-Man Farm Control

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ment at that time, it was said, of a possible veto of the measure.

The senate directed that no price-fixing order on agricultural commodities should become effective until approved by the secretary of agriculture.

Mr. Roosevelt had voiced opposition to such a provision in letters to Senators Barkley (D-Ky) and Brown (D-Mich). Brown contended that various other limitations forced into the bill by the farm bloc would permit food prices to rise 25 per cent above present levels.

The president's call for a conference went out to Reps. Steagall (D-Ala), Williams (D-Mo), Spence (D-Ky), Wolcott (R-Mich) and Gifford (R-Mass).

The senate conferees who will meet with this group later, probably Wednesday, are Senators Barkley, the democratic leader, Brown, Glass (D-Va), Bankhead (D-Ala), Taft (R-Ohio) and Danaher (R-Conn).

Before Mr. Roosevelt's opposition was made known, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard had asked senators for a voice in fixing of prices of farm products.

Monday, he emphasized that he was not opposing the president. "Whatever the president wants is what I'm for," Wickard said.

Explaining why he made his original request, he said he felt it was his responsibility to see that needed foods and fibers were produced, and department experts were in the best position to say what prices should be set to stimulate farmers to produce them in desired quantities.

Besides the dual control over farm prices, the chief differences in the senate and house measures lie in various farm amendments tacked on in the senate.

Both houses approved sections providing that no farm prices be fixed lower than 110 per cent of parity, below the 1919-29 average price of the commodity, or lower than the price on last October 1. The senate added the date of December 15 to the latter provision.

### Rumors of US Savings Grab Brings Denial

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., denied Monday that the government had any plan or intention of confiscating savings deposits.

He gave reporters a statement: "In view of recurring rumors that the government is planning to confiscate savings accounts, Secretary Morgenthau Monday entered an emphatic denial that this was so."

Felton will head a staff of captains, two in each of the city's 26 city precincts, whose duty will be to direct the solicitation of every citizen with an income.

Solicitors, to be designated as "minute men," will present cards on which the income earner is to be asked to state whether or not he has purchased defense bonds and how many he may plan to buy in coming weeks and months.

The captains will select their own "minute men." Republican and democratic state chairmen have asked their respective precinct committee members to assist.

Similar organizations are being set up in other Marion county towns.

Lamport and Felton issued a call Monday for all captains, minute men and persons interested in assisting, to attend a mass meeting at the chamber of commerce at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for instructions. A statewide radio broadcast the night of January 19 will sound the final call for the opening of the registration.

Salem precinct captains are to be as follows:  
No. 1, Robert Jones, Mrs. W. Carlton Smith; No. 2, J. P. Ulrich, Mrs. Nettie Spaulding; No. 3, Floyd Hastay, Hattie B. Cameron; No. 4, Mrs. Gertrude F. Lobell, E. C. Bushnell; No. 5, Mrs. B. B. Herrick, E. W. Harland; No. 6, H. H. Leavenworth, Madie Lippe; No. 7, William Bliven, Mrs. Euphrasia English; No. 8, Rev. S. Raynor Smith, Mrs. Helen B. Ficke; No. 9, Mrs. Clara E. Madeline Nash; No. 10, Mrs. L. A. LaMoine Clark, Frank Lynch; No. 11, Mrs. J. C. Cooper, Maxine K. Cooper; No. 12, Mrs. B. Brazier Small, Fred Moxley; No. 13, E. H. Thompson, Mrs. J. C. Cooper; No. 14, Mrs. Wally Waltrath, Mrs. Joe Prange; No. 15, Mrs. L. H. McMahan, E. H. Bingen; No. 16, Mrs. J. C. Cooper; No. 17, Charles H. Heltzel, Mrs. Marguerite Rieder; No. 18, William L. Phillips, Mrs. D. J. Fry; No. 19, Ronald Hudkins, Mrs. Belle Brown; No. 20, Willard Marshall, Mrs. Katherine Gannon; No. 21, Mrs. E. Cooper, Maxine K. Cooper; No. 22, Robert Shinn, Mrs. Ivan Stewart; No. 23, Sheriff A. C. Burk; No. 24, Mrs. L. M. McCallum, Mrs. Mary Lorez; No. 25, Louis Lorenz, Mrs. Estell Brunk; No. 26, O. P. Driggs, Theda Wells.

### Rate Increase Hearing Near Conclusion

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12—(AP)—The interstate commerce commission hearing on the proposal of the nation's railroads and water carriers for a general 10 per cent increase in freight and passenger rates neared conclusion Monday night with final oral arguments expected to be completed tomorrow.

The commission will take the matter under advisement and announce its decision from Washington.

Highlights of Monday's rebuttal testimony was that of R. V. Fletcher, general counsel for the American Association of Railroads, who declared that extraordinary war-time increases in railroad operating costs have reached \$1,000,000 a day.

Ormond R. Bean, Oregon public utilities commissioner, last week in an oral statement, protested the increase.

### Shortening of State Medical Terms Talked

PORTLAND, Jan. 12—(AP)—The possibility of shortening to three years the regular four-year University of Oregon Medical School course was studied here Monday.

David W. E. Baird, associate dean, said the plan inaugurated by 76 recognized medical schools, called for courses on a 12 month basis. The principal problem, he said, was that of students dependent on summer earnings for tuition money. Federal assistance, he said, might be the only feasible answer.

Baird said there would be no reduction in standards and that 5000 more doctors would be made available in the next three years under the nation-wide plan than would otherwise be qualified.

### Patriots Dine, Vote Tonight

Annual banquet and election of officers of the Salem Federation of Patriotic Societies will be at 6:30 tonight in the American Legion hall, with Earl Snell, secretary of state, as principal speaker.

E. E. Owens, president, will conduct the program, which includes group singing. Three representatives are to be present to vote for each member organization, while anyone interested is invited, but must make reservations by phoning 3189.

### Diplomats to Return

LISBON, Tuesday, Jan. 12—(AP)—The Portuguese steamer Nyassa will sail for New York Jan. 22 under charter to bring German and Italian diplomats back to Europe, it was announced Monday.

### British Quit Kuala Lumpur

#### Japs Enter Important Malaya City; Defense Line Shifts South

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bitious raiding attempts the Japanese have so far made in daylight over the island and the adjacent state of Johore.

A storm broke in the early evening, blanketing the island under dark rain clouds and ending the menace of Japanese raids. Losses were found to be negligible. Preliminary reports said there had been two casualties, a few rubber trees were uprooted and a few native huts battered.

Most of Singapore's residents were unaware of the drama fought high in the clouds but occasional bursts of machine-gun fire were heard high above, prompting many to move into shelters. People were visibly heartened by the familiar whistling roar of the RAF's Brewster Buffalo fighters overhead and the absence of bombs in the town area gave morale a boost.

(Tokyo broadcast an official announcement, recorded by the Associated Press, Monday morning that Kuala Lumpur was in Japanese hands.)

The British said severe fighting continued in the Selangor area, however, although "our troops have been withdrawn to positions north of Seremban."

On the North-South railroad to Singapore and a connecting line of 24 miles to Port Dickson, the nearest harbor, Seremban is 35 miles southeast of Kuala Lumpur which is second only to Singapore itself as Malaya's biggest city.

The new line has been established in that region and Japanese assaults are being resisted, the war bulletin said, acknowledging that the withdrawal had been carried out under the pressure of close enemy pursuit and repeated air attacks.

Neither anchor of the slanting British line across the Malay peninsula was fixed precisely by the British communicate. It apparently stretched, however, from the west coast at a point slightly north of Seremban northeast to the vicinity of Kuantan, on the opposite side, 160 miles from Singapore.

Thus, more than two-thirds of the Peninsula had fallen to the invaders, who now have entered another state, Negri Sembilan, which is bordered on the south by Johore, the last before the narrow, Causeway—spanned strait which separates the Malayan peninsula from Singapore island with its city of Singapore, its docks, airfields and fortifications forming the great naval bastion at the far eastern crossroads of the British empire.

### Joint Defense Planned for US, Mexico

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The United States and Mexico notified the world Monday night that they would jointly defend their respective territories from foreign attack.

In simultaneous announcements issued in Mexico City and Washington it was disclosed, that by action of President Roosevelt and President Cárdenas, a joint Mexican-United States defense commission has been established.

It is understood the new commission would function somewhat after the manner of the joint Canadian-United States defense board created in 1940 after a meeting between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

At that time the United States was a neutral. Mexico's action Monday for joint defense follows her previous action, shortly after the axis declarations of war against the United States, of severing diplomatic relations with the axis powers.

The new joint commission will consist of Brig. Gen. Miguel S. Gonzalez Cardena and Brig. Gen. Tomas Sanchez Hernandez, of the general staff, as representatives of Mexico, and Vice Admiral Alfred Wilkinson Johnson and Maj. Gen. Stanley Dunbar Embick as representatives of the United States.

### Club President Names Leaders

Committee chairman for the Salem Kiwanis club as announced by the group's new president, W. J. Braun, are as follows:  
V. E. Kuhn, program; Fred Klaus, membership and classification; Dr. L. E. Barrick, athletic; Dave Wright, home; Ted Berkman, attendance; Walter Erickson, reception; Willard Wirtz, laws and regulations; Dr. Henry E. Morris, underprivileged children; Lowell Jones, boys and girls work; George Swift, church; Frank Bennett, Kiwanis education; Arnold Krueger, public affairs; Ben Ramseyer, inter club relations; Elmer Berg, agricultural; L. V. Benson, finance and promotion; Salem Chamber, budget; Bill McCallum, music, and Sidney Stevens, publicity.

### John Eklund Dies

SILVERTON—John Eklund, 68, died Sunday at a Portland hospital where he was taken during the night. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Larson & Son funeral home, but had not been completed by Monday morning. Survivors include the widow and a son, Clifford, Silvertown, and a daughter, Estie in Klamath Falls.

### Production Facilities Board Planned Following OPM Meets

Creation of a number of local production facilities committees, to cooperate with office management, production management officials and other federal agencies, may be expected as a result of a series of meetings held at Salem, Eugene and Albany last week, W. H. Crawford, director of the Oregon economic council, declared here Monday.

The meetings were attended by a large number of small industrial and office production officials. The latter officials stressed the demand for defense materials and explained how the small industrialist should proceed in obtaining a share of these contracts. Crawford said the attendance at the meetings was larger than he had anticipated.

Creation of local production facilities committees would be followed by a larger organization representative on virtually all of western Oregon. Crawford said it was the desire of the government to utilize all small industries capable of producing war materials.

Other similar meetings will be held later in eastern Oregon and in some of the larger industrial centers where labor displacement is the most serious.

Crawford Monday sent letters to the office production management officials expressing appreciation for the part they played in the recent meetings.

### Russ Circle Nazi Sector

#### New Success Reported In Great Soviet Push Against Frozen Front

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captured many locomotives and railway cars and were putting the lines into order for the movement of men and supplies.

Kulbyshvich dispatches said the Germans had been unable to retrench themselves on the frozen Moscow front and that in one sector they were pushed back nine miles in a single day.

Ski troops, playing a more and more important role in the fighting, were declared to have knifed silently behind the Germans in another area, wiped out a heavily armed Nazi garrison and captured a village.

In still another sector the Russians said the German retreat had become so hurried and disorganized that only small detachments of automatic riflemen were left behind as a covering force.

BERN, Jan. 12—(AP)—An allied invasion of Norway would receive the support of most of the inhabitants because of the growing opposition to the German-backed Quisling government, Scandinavian reports said Monday.

The Stockholm correspondent of the Basell National Zeitung quoted experts on the Norwegian situation as declaring "it could be taken for granted that an overwhelming part of the population" would make common cause with the invaders and organize an insurrection against the government the moment an allied expeditionary force landed.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Tuesday, Jan. 13—(AP)—A special Berlin correspondent for the Stockholm paper Dagens Nyheter reported today that the German command confirmed rumors of several changes in the army high command on the Russian front but declined to list them for tactical reasons.

The same report said big new forces were being mobilized in Germany, it being state officially that such mobilization was natural because a great spring offensive would require careful preparations.

### Fire Destroys US Transport

SEATTLE, Jan. 12—(AP)—The transport Clevedon, whose destruction by fire in Alaskan waters was announced Monday by the war department, was the former Italian motorship Felte.

The vessel sank in the Columbia river near St. Helens in February of 1937 and was salvaged and purchased by the Pacific American fisheries of Bellingham, which renamed it the Clevedon.

She was rebuilt and converted into a cannery ship. Later she was chartered by the Alaska Steamship company and used in its service during the 1941 summer season.

The army requisitioned the ship in September and converted it into a transport.

### Dutch, Allies Batter Japs

#### Yank, Anzac Pilots Aid in Attempting to Smash Isle Footholds

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miles south of Tarakan, was emphasized by this Dutch source. He said allied bombers operating from that point could interfere effectively with Japanese attempts to utilize Tarakan's oil deposits, and stem the Japanese sea and air push south and west toward Java and Sumatra.

Allied groups were reported using a screen of 50 secret jungle airdromes in their blows at the Japanese. The fields, well-camouflaged from the air, are inaccessible by road, and are serviced by a fleet of American-made planes.

Two Australian planes and one Dutch naval aircraft were acknowledged lost in the operations reported tonight.

Dutch airmen still were aiding in the British defense of Malaya. The communique disclosed they shot down three Japanese planes over Singapore this morning. One Dutch pilot who shot down two of these planes also had his craft shot from under him, but he parachuted to safety.

### FDR Orders Labor Board

#### Group Will Prevent Any Interruptions Of Defense Work

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of the steel workers organizing committee; Emil Rieve, president of the Textile Workers Union of America, and Robert J. Watt, international representative of the AFL.

Employer representatives on the board are:  
A. W. Hawkes, president of the United States chamber of commerce and also of Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.; Roger D. Lapham, chairman of the board, American-Hawaiian Steamship company; E. J. McMillan, president of Standard Knitting Mills, Inc.; Walter C. Teagle, board chairman of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

Employer alternates are:  
L. N. Bent, vice-president of the Hercules Powder company; R. R. Despres, president, Proctor & Gamble company; James W. Hook, president of the Geometric Tool company, and H. B. Horton, of the Chicago Bridge & Iron corporation.

The labor board was created as a result of a conference of labor and industry spokesmen which met here on December 17 at the call of the president to work out some method of halting strikes or lockouts for the duration of the war.

### WU Law Dean Leaves to Join Army

Sudden departure, reportedly for California, was made Monday by George McLeod, acting dean of Willamette university law school for the past two years, with intention to enlist in the army.

McLeod requested a leave of absence from the university. He said he did not know what his assignment in the service would be.

The executive committee of the board of trustees is to meet soon and is expected to grant the leave and name a substitute for the dean, who is a graduate of Willamette university and law school and took graduate work at Harvard university before returning here to practice.

### Bowling Scores

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE			
General	Handicap	46	46
Thompson	176	146	322
Parker	148	128	276
Ferguson	188	158	346
J. Clark	161	131	292
Sullivan	188	158	346
Total	895	845	1740
Woollworths			
Grove	128	107	235
McCoy	128	107	235
Higgins	121	100	221
Lloyd	171	141	312
Wynn	188	158	346
Total	776	631	1407
Sundia			
Evans	188	158	346
White	175	145	320
Hart	204	174	378
Beal	115	94	209
Lummon	207	177	384
Total	887	754	1641
Cook's			
Handicap	19	19	38
Clark	129	108	237
Ross	179	149	328
English	149	119	268
Stewart	229	199	428
Ferry	189	159	348
Total	873	714	1587
Master Bread			
Handicap	47	47	94
Ashby	139	118	257
Boyer	178	148	326
McDonlin	178	148	326
Mills	197	167	364
Cross	209	179	388
Total	861	706	1567
Foster Taggers			
Garbarino	108	88	196
Burch	158	128	286
Kuch	178	148	326
Hill	198	168	366
Parker	178	148	326
Total	622	532	1154
Hartman			
Handicap	18	18	36
Welch	161	131	292
Zimowski	189	159	348
Hillman	189	159	348
Hartman	189	159	348
H. Barr	172	142	314
Total	798	667	1465
Pittsburgh			
Peterson	223	193	416
Handicap	148	148	296
Lundstrand	148	118	266
Keonon	198	168	366
Total	617	527	1144
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Handicap	18	18	36
Welch	161	131	292
Zimowski	189	159	348
Hillman	189	159	348
Hartman	189	159	348
H. Barr	172	142	314
Total	798	667	1465

### Funeral Is Set for McMinnville Woman

Funeral services for Elizabeth W. Howard, late of McMinnville, who died Sunday, will be held at the McMinnville funeral home at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday with concluding services in Portland.

Survivors include the widow, William G. Howard, McMinnville, and a daughter, Doris W. Yeater, Salem.

### Sprague Told Lights Plan

#### Highway System Set For Quick Blackout; Defense Group Meets

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Highway lights have either been turned off indefinitely or replaced with reflector buttons. Bridge lights have been turned off with the exception of lights connected with a city lighting system and in such cases arrangements have been made with municipal authorities to assume the obligation of extinguishing the lights.

Pointers as to how to paint windows, for blackout purposes, released by state defense council officials here Monday follow:  
Paint should be placed on the outside, not the inside of windows. Dark paint on the inside turns the window into a mirror.

Be certain the paint is opaque. Most ordinary house paint is not. Avoid glossy paint. Select a heat-resistant paint. Select a paint which was intended for outside use. A black, resin-emulsion paint, made by many manufacturers, is believed to be the best for blackout purposes.

### Irish Bases Plan Balked

#### De Valera Stands Firm On Keeping Neutral; Denies Secret Talks

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"We will defend ourselves from attacks from any quarter. We did and are doing our best to get arms. What arms we can get, we will get, it being understood that they are to be used to defend our territory against any aggressor, no matter who it might be."

There was no indication, however, that De Valera's speech was a direct reaction to the revived pressure for bases.

"Reports of new pressure on De Valera's government for the use of ports capped several weeks of discussion of Eire's supply problems by the British press, which stressed the value of bases in southern Ireland to guard deliveries of food for the Irish and arms for the British."

British and United States representatives emphasized that nothing in the way of new proposals had been submitted to Eire, but made no secret that they continue to look wishfully at such potential bases as Berehaven, Cobh and Lough Swilly.

Those three were used by British and United States fleets in the first World war and were retained by Britain after Eire became a nation. They were given up, however, by the Chamberlain government in 1938.

### Wake Attacks Revealed by City Visitor

First hand description of the initial Japanese attacks on Wake Island was brought to Salem over the weekend by John Cook, US meteorologist, in a call upon J. F. Mielke, 1765 State street, Mielke reported Monday.

Cook, stationed on Wake for seven years, was in his automobile when he heard bombs exploding on the waterfront, Mielke related. He and a companion took to a nearby ditch, ducking beneath the water when enemy planes flew over. One bomb shattered his house and another struck his car. He escaped from the island in the last Pan-American Clipper to leave that station. He flew to Honolulu and recently was able to travel on to San Francisco.

Mrs. Cook and her two sons had been sent to Honolulu before the attack. They were en route Sunday to Tacoma.

### Files as Candidate

Forrest L. Hubbard, Baker, Monday filed in the state department here for circuit judge of the eighth judicial district, Baker county, at the primary election. C. B. McCulloch is the incumbent.

