

# Japs Broaden Air Attacks

## Gen. MacArthur Tells Of Mindanao Fight; Dutch Strike Back

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by American action. Moreover, it became clear that the major Japanese-held base on Mindanao in the Philippines was not yet wholly gained, for Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported that his Filipino troops were still fighting the Japanese on that island, just as they were still holding their positions on the Batan peninsula of Luzon.

The indications were that a new phase in the Pacific war had begun; that the great potential and at first scattered strength of the allies was now being brought more effectively to bear, however distant the grand turn in the balance might yet be.

President Roosevelt told his press conference in Washington that the United States was already contributing to the struggle against the axis in almost every part of the globe; he suggested that one could look at the map of the world to see the areas in which this country's strength was engaged.

As to expressions of concern in China and Australia lest the Japanese enemy be neglected in the hunting down of Hitler, Mr. Roosevelt declared nobody need fear and that the Chinese ambassador fully understood the position.

In the Malaya, the British, Australian and Indian defenders clearly were still unable to breast for long the shock of superior Japanese power afield in the air—although there were some indications that this latter disparity was being in part compensated.

Acknowledging heavy pressure by the invader, particularly in the west against the Australians, the British command reported Japanese advances along a 30-mile sector extending from the Muar river southward to Batu Bahat and Japanese patrol action reaching down to the vicinity of Endau in the invader's inland thrust.

The Japanese themselves claimed that their forces had pushed down to within 18 miles of the Singapore causeway but said in effect that the full and final assault upon the near Singapore approaches was being delayed pending mopping-up operation.

The Paris radio, a Nazi creature, claimed that Japanese artillery had opened a bombardment of the Singapore fortifications, that Singapore's guns were replying; but there was no competent confirmation for this and thus no reason to accept it.

Singapore was heavily raided during the day, Japanese bombs falling upon residential as well as military areas. Official British accounts that a Japanese naval plane was among those shot down suggested that an enemy aircraft carrier might be in action, as was the case in the new Japanese assault upon New Britain.

That island, 500 miles northeast of the Australian mainland, was hit with such force as to suggest preparation for an invasion attempt; and the available information made plain that there was damage to its military facilities.

The small but able and persistent Dutch air arm struck back, twice raiding the Japanese-held air base at Kuching, capital of occupied Sarawak on the Dutch island of Borneo, and setting off fires.

The attack on southern Burma by minor Japanese accomplices, the Siamese, was reported by British sources to have been loosed at a point about 60 miles northeast of the port of Moulmein from Japanese-occupied Thailand (Siam), and one of its curious features was that it was being delivered in behalf of the Japanese by men who had declined to fight those same Japanese when they took over Thailand itself.

The area of the invasion was in the northern extremity of the long Burmese panchannel—which already had been cut apart lower down by the Japanese themselves in seizing the port of Tavoy.

Whether it was to be a big operation remained to be seen; at all odds it put one more difficulty in the way of the development of that British offensive from Burma against the Japanese flank which has for some time been expected.

On the Atlantic side of the world front, the United States navy disclosed without giving any details that there had been submarine attacks upon ships off the US coast other than those on four tankers which already had been reported, and added:

"Strong counter-measures are being taken by units of the navy's east coastal command."

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# They Head Office of Civil Defense in America



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia and James M. Landis

For the first time, the new associate head of the Office of Civilian Defense, James M. Landis, right, Harvard university law school dean, is photographed with Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York, the national civilian defense chief, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president, who is an assistant director. Landis, named by President Roosevelt to serve with LaGuardia and handle the actual executive problems, will receive \$10,000 a year. The picture above was taken in Washington.

# Three of 12 Members on New War Labor Board



Here are three of the 12 men named by President Roosevelt to make up the new National War Labor Board, set up to adjust labor disputes and avoid strikes and lockouts for the duration of the war. The board is headed by William H. Davis, who has been chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board. Public, industry and labor each have four representatives. Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, is an employee representative. Albert W. Hawkes, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, is an employer representative.

# Nelson Halts Auto Quotas

## February 1 Deadline Announced; Gets FDR Ok on Organization

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He added that the plan would be disclosed at a press conference he has called for tomorrow. Designation of Ernest Kanzler of Grosse Pointe, Mich., former president of Universal Credit corporation and now chief of the OPM automotive branch, as "czar" of the automotive conversion program, appeared likely Tuesday night. The automotive order, stopping production for the military as well as for civilians and exports, applied to the manufacture of all cars and light trucks, with or without tires, and regardless of any contracts entered into by the manufacturers.

Nelson made it clear that "all foreseeable military demands" for light trucks and automobiles would be satisfied from the stock pile created by recent orders freezing sales of such vehicles.

Manufacturers who are unable to complete their January production quotas by February 1 will be given an additional 10 days in which to shut down assembly lines, Nelson directed, "provided that such continuation does not interfere with conversion of the factory to military production."

Nelson's action emphasized the urgent need for expediting 100 per cent conversion of the automotive industry to mass armament production. Two weeks ago, OPM asked the manufacturers to increase their 1942 war output from the \$2,500,000,000 volume planned "before Pearl Harbor" to between \$5,000,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000.

# Army Pursuit Plane Crashes

RICHMOND, Calif., Jan. 20—(AP)—A P-40 army pursuit plane, one of a formation of six, plunged into the foothills east of Richmond late Tuesday and burned fiercely. Highway patrolmen said the pilot was killed, but immediate extrication of his body was impossible because of the flames. The fast craft from Hamilton field carried only one man. The pilot was identified by Hamilton field army officials as 2nd Lieut. Richard Sandner, 24, of Moccasin, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charles Sandner of Chinese Camp, Calif. Both towns are in Tuolumne county.

# Society Divides In Two Groups

## Silverton—Trying out a new plan, Trinity Dorcas society, which was organized over 25 years ago, this week divided into two groups; one meets afternoons and the second at night.

The night meeting group was organized to accommodate girls and women who are employed during the day. From time to time the two groups will hold joint sessions. Their regular social affairs, including their annual spring birthday party, which is so widely attended by members and visitors, will also be arranged jointly.

Officers elected for the afternoon group are Mrs. Tom Anderson, president; Mrs. Oscar Salern, vice-president; Mrs. Alf O. Nelson and Mrs. Henry Torvend, secretaries; Mrs. L. M. Larson and Mrs. Dan Riveness, treasurers.

The night group elected as president, Mrs. Ludwig Meyer; vice-president, Mrs. Elmer Olson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Bernice Oas, and assistant, Lillian Bloch. Mrs. L. M. Larson will also serve as joint secretary-treasurer. Regular meetings of the two groups, when they meet singly, will be held at the homes of members.

# Boy Reported Escaped

State police Tuesday night reported the escape of Jack Doyle, 16, from the State Training school at Woodburn.

# Editor Named Meet Speaker

## Sprague to Present Award to Junior CC 1941 First Citizen

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by Gov. Charles A. Sprague. The presentation consists of awarding the selectee a gold watch-chain known as the distinguished service award of the United States Junior chamber of commerce.

He also will be presented with the junior first citizen plaque adding his name to those of the previous young men chosen for this award.

Other awards for meritorious civic service will be made to four other local young men. The banquet is scheduled for 7 p. m. Wednesday in the banquet hall of the First Methodist church. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the junior chamber.

# Mexicans Pledge Aid

AGUA CALIENTE, Mex., Jan. 20—(AP)—The United States was pledged fullest cooperation from all of Mexico Tuesday by Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, former Mexican president, in a conference with Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding general of the western defense command and Fourth army.

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U.S. ARMS

# Russ Capture Mozhaik City

## Nazis Blasted From Citadel and Now Face Retreat of 200 Miles

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legions reeling back along Napoleon's terrible road of retreat and left Orel, on the south, and Rzhev, in the north, the only remaining strongpoints held by the invader on the present Moscow front.

Mozhaik, 57 miles west of Moscow, is on the main Moscow-Smolensk-Minsk road and the Germans once were reported to have 100,000 men in the battle for that vital salient.

What remains of these forces is in danger of entrapment by Soviet armies which have driven the claws of a giant pincers to the rear of Mozhaik in the vicinity of Vyazma, 70 miles to the west. Some prisoners already have been taken, Moscow said.

Even if some of the Germans do get through the narrowing gap, there are no suitable defensive positions short of Smolensk, where Hitler supposedly had established his headquarters.

The Russians announced that German casualties were heavy in the bitterly-contested battle for Mozhaik.

# Portland Gas Firm Officer Dies Here

C. A. Miller, 59, superintendent of Portland Gas and Coke company's utilization bureau, and brother of Mrs. Arthur J. Rahn, of Salem, died Monday at the Salem General hospital. Born June 1, 1882, at Dallas, Oregon, the member of a well known pioneer family, he attended grade and high schools at Gresham and later attended Oregon State college. His grandfather was Dr. J. P. Powell, who crossed the plains in 1852.

Mr. Miller was first connected with the gas company in 1906 as a meter inspector. In 1909 he was made collections supervisor, and in 1917 was appointed to the position he held until the time of his death. He was for many years a member of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Survivors include his widow, Nora E. Miller, 2409 SE Stephens street, Portland; a daughter, Jeanne Miller, a student at Mills college, and the sister, Mrs. Arthur Rahn, Salem.

# Founders Day Program Set

INDEPENDENCE—Mrs. George D. Herley, president of the PTA presided Monday over the regular meeting at the training school.

Mrs. C. A. Fratzke, publication chairman, spoke on the selection of books available at the city library for parents.

Mrs. Charles Burch, membership chairman, announced 96 members on roll, and Roy Anderson, band director, announced the mid-winter concert January 28 at the training school.

Mrs. Ira D. Mix spoke about "Founder's Day" to be held February 2, with Mrs. F. W. Blum, Portland, state PTA president, guest speaker. Margaret Gillis, Dallas, health nurse, introduced Ethel Miely of Portland, a member of the Oregon state board of health, who spoke on the "Health Problems of the Adolescent Child."

# Red Cross Sewing Done by Women At Union Hill

UNION HILL—The Union Hill Women's club and friends met for an all-day no-host meeting at the house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Scott. Red Cross sewing was done. One lot of 26 children's dresses was finished and the second lot commenced.

Present were Mrs. Mary Tate, Mrs. W. M. Tate, Mrs. H. E. Peters, Mrs. Edwin Peters, Miss Emma Peters, Mrs. Dolph Heater, Mrs. Roy King, Mrs. Lee Seeley, Mrs. Adolph Heater, Mrs. David Pottorff, Miss Florence Pottorff, Mrs. C. E. Heater, Mrs. Verna Scott and Mrs. Harley Scott. Mrs. Scott will be hostess to the club at the same place for an afternoon meeting Thursday.

# Receipts Hit Record Mark

INDEPENDENCE—The 1941 postal receipts of the Independence postoffice reached an all-time record when they totaled \$10,088.28, according to Glen C. Smith, postmaster.

Organization of the city's tire and automobile rationing board was completed here at a meeting at the office of Fred Calef; W. T. Hoffman was named chairman; Fred Calef, clerk; and Mrs. C. O. Sloper the other member of the board.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Independence, was held recently.

The following officers were re-elected: R. M. Walker, president; A. L. Thomas, vice president; Ira D. Mix, cashier; Bergitta Messinger, assistant cashier; and the board of directors, A. L. Thomas, M. C. Williams, C. W. Henkle, I. D. Mix, and R. M. Walker.

Four Independence students were placed on the honor roll at the Oregon College of Education. They were Miles Olson, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Reed; Lucille Barnhardt, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barnhardt; Jessie Mae Jones, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Jones, and Barbara Ruef, senior, daughter of Mrs. Marie Ruef.

# Newlywed Heiress Enjoys Show



Society's "poor little rich girl," the former Gloria Vanderbilt, heiress to \$4,000,000, is shown enjoying the Olsen and Johnson laugh riot, "Sons o' Fun," in New York with her husband, Pat Di Cicco, left, Hollywood actors' agent.

# Solons Demand Profit Limits

## Naval Committee Hits Labor Union 'Gains,' Rich War Contracts

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pages have delayed and in instances even obstructed the defense program, present a problem which the committee feels should well be considered by the congress.

To accomplish that objective it called for:

1. Methods to hold down profits on defense contracts.

2. Legislation to require all labor unions "along with other special interest groups" to register with a suitable government body, and to furnish pertinent information concerning their officers, members and financial condition at periodic intervals.

3. "Fair and suitable" legislation to prevent interference with the defense program by strikes and work stoppages.

4. No repeal or relaxation of existing legislative provisions for competitive bidding.

5. "More thoughtful and thorough" attention by the navy department's procuring agencies to the status and financial responsibility of contractors.

6. Adoption of a "more strict and standardized system of cost accounting."

7. Measures to insure adequate plant protection both for navy-owned and operated plants and private plants engaged in naval defense work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—(AP)—A preliminary report of the house naval affairs committee on its investigation into cost of the naval defense program listed under the heading of "excessive profits" two contracts with the Todd Seattle Dry Dock, Inc., of Seattle, Wash.

The Todd Seattle Dry Dock, Inc., made a profit of \$521,481, or 21.6 per cent on one contract involving \$2,931,285, the report said, and on another contract for \$2,788,901 a profit of \$487,274 or 21.2 per cent.

The committee said questionnaires were tabulated for 34 uncompleted destroyers under construction by shipbuilding companies. It said two of the three companies building the destroyers furnished estimates of the percentages of profits on their vessels.

One of these was the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding corporation which had contracts amounting to \$29,131,450 and estimated six per cent profit on each of its five uncompleted destroyers.

The report said the Willamette Iron & Steel corporation estimated a profit of six per cent on two uncompleted mine layers costing \$24,000,000.

# Burma Cabinet Slated

RANGOON, Jan. 19—(Delayed)—(AP)—Acting Premier Sir Paw Tun, smiling, elderly Burmese knight whose wife is American, said in an interview Monday that the cabinet of the imprisoned U Saw would resign and a new one would be formed by himself.

# May Unseat Langer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—(AP)—Chairman Green (D-RI) announced Tuesday night the senate elections committee had approved the latest draft of a report recommending that Senator Langer (R-ND) be unseated.

# Nazis Hit Anglia

LONDON, Jan. 20—(AP)—Bombs were dropped in East Anglia Tuesday night but no damage or casualties were reported.

# Torpedo Boat Destroys Ship

## Daring Officer Sinks 5000-Ton Nip Vessel; Brings Total to 41

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made port, and said there had been attacks on other vessels in American territorial waters.

The question of just what the axis hopes to accomplish by the submarine attacks led to a division of opinion in the capital. President Roosevelt said, in response to questions, that he did not see any connection between the submarine raids and the current conference of American nations at Rio De Janeiro.

But Senator Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, said the raids were designed to "create confusion" among the conferees and furnished evidence "of the desperate measures employed by an assassin that realizes it can never gain control of the seas."

Instead of the desired confusion, he added, the raids have only served to unify the American nations, all of whom are "fully aware of the tragic threat of nazism to the civilization of the Americas."

# Receives Word of Sister's Illness

SUVER—Mrs. W. A. Stockhoff received word Saturday that her sister, Mrs. Sam Parisa of Lansing, Kan., had undergone a major operation and had rallied satisfactorily. Mrs. Parisa has visited here many times and is well known.

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