



ON THE INSIDE- in Washington!

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The United Nations-axis struggle is at a crisis on the Pacific front almost as grave for the allies as it was for England in that black June of 1940 when France fell.

Even so, the essential fact is that England weathered that storm. The light little island stands today, stronger and better prepared to fight for freedom than ever before. It is a symbol of Hitler's greatest defeat. Not even his retreat in Russia yet has like significance.

Can besieged Singapore or the menaced Dutch colonial empire in the Far Pacific similarly survive against all the Japanese have done or can do? That is the dominant question. Prime Minister Churchill, Britain's sturdy and courageous war captain, did not undertake to answer it when seeking parliamentary approval of both his own leadership and of the strategy that exposed empire Pacific outposts. He would make no promise except that of ultimate victory. That frank acceptance of personal responsibility, and readiness to take the bad with the good, lost him no confidence.

Churchill sought no refuge behind the several circumstances in the Far Pacific he could have noted to lighten the gloom. He did not minimize the danger to Singapore, to The Netherlands Indies, to Australia. Nor did he set out the measures taken or concerted with Washington to stem the Japanese attack beyond repeating that reinforcements had arrived in the southwestern Pacific war zone.

There is other evidence of that. The admiralty's acknowledgement of loss of an empire destroyer, in a running fight off the Malayan coast is one such item.

Japan also lost a destroyer in that action. It increased the toll American-British-Dutch forces are taking of sea craft which the enemy can ill spare in a battle that has just begun in those seas. Tokyo knows that. The very scope of the expanded Nipponese drive to master the rich Netherlands Indies even before the Singapore and Luzon resistance centers have been cracked has an element of desperation in it.

It emphasizes the vital element for Japan. It is now or never for the Nazi-minded Tokyo war punts. It is all or nothing for them, and every moment of delay in Malaya and the Philippines or in the passages to the Java sea is to the advantage of the allies.

NY Sleuth to Visit Salem In Probe

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 31-(AP) Detective Lieutenant Louis Sklarey of the Essex county prosecutor's staff said Saturday he would leave Monday for the west coast to continue his investigation into the swindling activities of Mrs. Amelia Everis Carr, awaiting sentencing on eight charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. She has pleaded no defense.

Sklarey said he would visit Tacoma and Spokane, Wash., and the Washington state penitentiary at Salem, Ore.; San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Quentin prison, Calif. He said he would confer with police and prison officials on bank accounts and jewelry believed left behind by Mrs. Carr when she came east in 1935.

Chinese Beat Jap Attack

CHUNGKING, Jan. 31-(AP)—The Chinese reported Saturday night that Japanese attacks had been beaten off in a bitter battle for control of the river port of Wai-chow, east of Canton and 40 miles north of Hongkong, and said Chinese troops had won the nearby town of Pokao back from the Japanese.

To the north, in Kiangs province, Chinese troops were said to be holding their ground under heavy assault by large Japanese forces southwest of Nanchang. "The Chinese army is in close pursuit of the retreating Japanese," the official announcement added.

Obituary

During January concluding (indoor) rites were held at Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum and Crematorium for the following:
Maude E. Caughell
James Penn
Harry Benjamin Auld
Minerva Josephine Wellsher
Carl August Bondell
May Acton Roberts
Dr. William Earl Blake
William Henry Farr
Helen G. Bosserman
Fred A. Erlson

Navy Aviation Plans Speeded

Four Universities to Be Leased in Program For 30,000 Pilots

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Preliminary three-month toughening process would be "the most strenuous in the history of American military training." The men will learn to march "up to 40 miles from sunup to sundown, and will be set at such heavy labor as ditch-digging, wood-chopping and land-clearing, and will be extensively schooled in such realistic self-defense arts as advanced judo, boxing and rough-and-tumble fighting."

"The program is a challenge to patriotic young American men who are proud of their ability to take it," Knox said. "This training will be hard, but the time for pulling punches has passed. The men will have to have guts. When they have won their navy wings, they will have proved that they can both take it and hand it out. That's the kind of fighting pilots the navy wants and the country needs."

The secretary added that this training and the air training to follow would make the men "the best pilots in the world" and that they would become the leaders in post-war aviation.

Lieut. Commr. Tom Hamilton, former head football coach at the naval academy and himself a navy flier, will be director of physical training, with Lieut. Commr. Gene Tunney, director of physical training for all navy personnel. Other leading college athletic coaches and sports figures will be inducted into the naval reserve to conduct the physical phases of this training.

The four university plants will be used solely as ground schools, each comparable in size to the naval academy at Annapolis.

"Every effort is being made to select schools which will be least affected by this dislocation of their present activities, and which have the necessary athletic facilities," the announcement added.

The training course will be broken down into four basic fundamentals to prepare the student for actual flight training:

1. Proper physical conditioning and strength.
2. indoctrination in naval history and customs.
3. Military drill and seamanship.
4. Training in communications, ordnance and other specialties.

After students pass the preliminary three-month course at one of the four universities, they will be sent to one of the 16 naval reserve aviation bases for actual primary flight training. From there they will go to one of the navy's advanced flying schools. The entire flight training course will normally take a year, with less time necessary in exceptional cases.

The army's training program provides for turning out 30,000 pilots, bombardiers and other airmen this year but is pointed to an increase in 1943. The army air corps headed up its training program this week under Major General Barton K. Yount. It is centered now in three major flying centers, the southeast center, Maxwell field, Alabama; gulf coast, Randolph field, Texas; and west coast, Moffett field, Calif. There are numerous supplementary training fields.

Coast Flying Restricted

SEATTLE, Jan. 31-(AP)—The second interceptor command issued an order Saturday grounding civilian aircraft in western Washington and western Oregon west of the Cascade mountains. Civilian pilots in this area were told by the army authorities they must cease flying immediately. The only exceptions made to the rule was that regular commercial airlines might continue to fly into Seattle and local civilian pilot training courses might continue until February 7 but not thereafter.

Continuation Of NYA Asked

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31-(AP) A resolution asking continuation of the present national youth administration work-aid program for able and worthy college students was adopted Saturday by the NYA regional college work council, composed of representatives from California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona and Utah. "Such aid will expedite the college training of needed personnel in technical fields for the all-out war effort, and will enable many capable students to remain in college, where they can make their best contribution," said the resolution.

Red Cross Sends Food To Interned Americans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-(AP) The American Red Cross said Saturday it was providing one food package a week to 300 Americans interned by Germany at Compiegne, occupied France. The supplies came from a reserve stock maintained at Geneva, Switzerland.

RAF Scores Two Hits On Nazi Convoy Ship

LONDON, Jan. 31-(AP)—British bombers scored two direct hits on the biggest ship of an eight-ship German convoy off the Frisian islands Saturday, the air ministry announced.

A single German plane bombed the Scottish southeast coast tonight, causing two casualties and slight damage. Daylight raiders attacked a place in East Angles but their bombs fell harmlessly.

Curb on Farm Prices Told

Wickard Reveals Plan Of Administration To Prevent Inflation

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cluding wheat cracked for feed, will be stabilized at around 85 per cent of parity. This policy is designed to hold feed prices at levels which would encourage farmers to produce more livestock, dairy and poultry products. These commodities are needed in larger quantities than are now available.

Livestock, dairy and poultry products, such as vegetable oil-bearing crops as peanuts and soybeans, and some truck crops will be permitted to go above parity so as to encourage greater production of them.

Corn farmers, it was said, will be given government benefit payments sufficient to bring their return to full parity.

'Frozen' Cars To Be Sold This Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-(AP) All new automobiles now "frozen" in dealers' hands, except a government stock pile of 130,000 units, will be sold by the end of this year under the pending rationing program, Price Administrator Leon Henderson said Saturday.

Simultaneously, Henderson announced that, beginning Feb. 12, dealers would be permitted to deliver new cars sold but not delivered before the original freezing order Jan. 1.

Rationing of cars will not begin until Feb. 26, Henderson said, allowing local rationing boards two weeks in which to handle disposition of the automobiles bought before stocks were frozen. To obtain delivery of these cars, purchasers will be required to present specified "evidence of purchase" to the rationing boards.

Dealers and manufacturers together now hold about 654,000 new automobiles. Of these, 130,000 are set aside as the government reserve supply, not subject to rationing for a year, leaving some 524,000 available when the ration boards begin operating.

Details of the truck rationing program also are incomplete and the OPA Saturday ordered the ban on sales of trucks and truck trailers extended from Feb. 2 to Feb. 11. No plan for releasing trucks bought before Jan. 1 was announced.

CIO Charges 'Backdoor' Agreement

BEND, Jan. 31-(AP)—Oregon CIO convention delegates made it plain Saturday they would remain militant in organizing campaigns. A resolution charged the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, Portland, with entering "into a backdoor closed shop agreement with the heads of the American Federation of Labor before even a keel plate was laid, and several thousand workers of this firm were not only denied their American rights during this critical emergency, but were forced to pay tribute to the AFL in the form of unreasonable initiation and permit fees."

By unanimous vote, the delegates asked that "the government shall insure the hiring of workers without discrimination or regard to union affiliation."

Sub Victims Rescued

AN EAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 31-(AP)—Thirty two survivors of the crew of a British freighter, the latest victims in the German submarine war against Atlantic shipping, have been brought here after a U-boat sent three torpedoes into their ship killing 10 men.

Shipyard Wages Raised

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31-(AP) O. E. Mechlin, federal maritime commission engineer, announced Saturday the signing of a new labor contract providing 10 per cent wage increases for Portland and Vancouver, Wash., shipyard construction workers.

Malta Bombed Again

VALLETTA, Malta, Jan. 31-(AP) Thirteen alerts were sounded in this much-bombed island fortress within 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock Saturday night. No casualties and only slight damage was reported. Malta bombed more than any place on earth, has had more than 1500 alerts since the war started.

Singapore Now Under Siege

British Withdrew to Island Fortress as Japs Start Attack

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But during the weeks of Malayan warfare fresh gun emplacements, pillboxes and mortars have been thrown up along the shore of narrow Johore strait, the winding strip of water that separates the island from the mainland and the last act of the withdrawing troops was to explode the narrow causeway which spans the strait.

The British withdrawal was the blackest mark in a somber outline of the United Nations' position in the Pacific area.

To the north of this one major arm of the giant Japanese offensive, the British evacuated Moulmein, fabled Kipling city 100 miles across the bay from Rangoon, vital supply port at the start of the Burma road.

Far to the east Japan thrust out another claw of the huge pincers grasping at the untold riches of the Dutch East Indies, a full-scale land, sea and air offensive was directed at the island of Amboina, site of the Indies' second-ranking naval base and in strategic position to command the allied supply lines from Australia and the United States.

This was the fifth front the Japanese have opened in the Indies, and the Dutch command reported that fighting was "raging everywhere" while the defending garrison sought to destroy all installations which might be of value to the enemy.

Australian reconnaissance planes reported the invasion fleet consisted of four transports with a protecting force of three cruisers and four destroyers, and the Dutch said a series of blasting air attacks preceded the major offensive.

The evacuation of Moulmein, which left the Japanese in control of virtually the entire narrow Burmese Panhandle, was carried out after the small garrison had fought off several attacks and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

The British withdrew to the west bank of the Salween river, and military commentators predicted that from these positions they would be able to offer considerably stronger resistance to the Japanese columns which now have thrust 70 miles westward from the Thailand-Burma frontier.

Singapore's defenders announced they had food stores sufficient to hold out in a long siege. Reserves have been built up for months and, while the Japanese claimed capture of a mainland water reservoir, which supplied the island, there are two more reservoirs on the island itself. This it appeared there was no immediate danger of a water shortage such as forced the early capitulation of HongKong.

Elsewhere in the Pacific there was only scattered action. The Japanese, striking by air at numerous points in the Indies, also sent 11 planes over Australian New Guinea in a daylight raid and announced that earlier in the week they had sunk six ships and damaged or fired five more at Padang, on the west coast of Sumatra.

Australian bombers attacked Japanese-held Rabaul, the capital of New Britain, for the fourth time, and scored hits on at least one ship.

First Aid Car Busy Saturday

Tenth woodsplitter to require services of the Salem city first aid crew during 1942, Louis Briggs, 2235 North Fourth street, Saturday was given temporary first aid Saturday and sent to a doctor to receive care for a 1 1/2

inch gash he had cut in his left hand. David Hutchins, 3, of 2590 East Nob Hill, was given first aid after fingers of his left hand had been caught in a door at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kinsely and young son of Hubbard were rushed by Salem police to the east Salem fire station for first aid after their automobile had collided with a Southern Pacific passenger train at Court and 12th streets at 10:30 Saturday morning. Kinsely's nose and left hand were injured; Mrs. Kinsely sustained shock and body bruises and the child suffered from shock, first aiders reported.

Three-year-old Bert Fanning of 384 North 13th street, crushed a finger in his mechanical top Saturday morning and members of the first aid crew had to saw the toy apart to release the injured member.

Mrs. Harold Layton and small son of 1273 Elm street, West Salem, sustained minor cuts Friday night when the car driven by Mrs. Layton, struck a parked automobile; they were given first aid.

Snell to Run For Governor

Outlines Program in Seeking Nomination On GOP Ballot

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judgments and reduce the cost of state and local government to offset defense taxes.

One of Snell's first objectives if elected, the statement said, would be to recommend that a single tax commissioner responsible directly to the governor be substituted for Oregon's present three-man tax commission.

Born in Gilliam county 47 years ago, Snell attended school at Arlington and Condon and Oregon Institute of Technology, Portland. After being engaged in country newspaper work, he entered the automobile business, leading finally to his designation last year as president of the national motor vehicle administrators' association.

He served as a member of the lower house of the legislature for four terms, the latter, in 1933, as speaker. His first election as secretary of state followed in 1934.

(For the full text of Snell's announcement of candidacy, turn to page 10.)

Arrested Man Charged in Metal Sales

More than \$400 worth of brass, aluminum, copper and wool netting had been sold in Salem by Robert Leece prior to his arrest late last week in Portland, capital city police revealed Saturday.

Sale of metal in large quantities originally put Inspector Hobart Kiggins on the trail of Leece, who declared he had found the telephone wire which was identified as property of the telephone company here. The man said he was from Tillamook, but Kiggins learned that his automobile was registered to a Portland address and a watch was set here through a dealer who had purchased metal. Portland officers brought Leece to Salem late last week to have him identified by dealers who had bought from him goods they declared had been stolen.

Russ Sink 43 Ships

NEW YORK, Jan. 31-(AP)—The British radio said Saturday night that Russian submarines have sunk 43 enemy vessels totaling 170,000 tons. The broadcast was heard by CBS.

Former Justice Dies

POMEROY, Wash., Jan. 31-(AP) Mack F. Goss, 82, one time state supreme court justice, died at his home here Saturday night.

Smokers Lose In Fag Fight

State Tribunal Will Decide Referendum Of Cigarette Levy

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time, the same day, to make their month-end payments to the tax commission and escape penalties for delinquency.

The cigarette smoker stands to lose, whichever way the decision runs, because he has paid the tax as part of the purchase price. The result is that if the referendum is upheld, the dealers who have collected the tax and not turned it over to the commission will profit by the proceedings, since it is unlikely retail purchasers could prove and enforce claims for refunds.

Path of the cigarette dealers was eased by the tax commission's recent amendatory order in that beginning on January 21 they were no longer required to pay the tax when they received their stocks. Instead, they were informed that the commission would not hold the tax payable until the cigarettes were sold.

The commission will stand no operating loss even though the court should stand with the referendum, because it has already collected approximately \$40,000 on the cigarette tax and has spent only between \$4000 and \$5000 in setting up its temporary collection department.

Dogs Charged With Killing 80 Sheep

Dogs killed 80 sheep in Marion county during January, 30 of them from the flock of J. M. Belknap, west of Talbot, the county dog control board will be told when it meets Monday.

Paul Marnach, county license enforcement officer believes that when he killed two dogs identified as killers at the J. O. Farr ranch on route one out of Jefferson he got the canines that slaughtered four sheep of Farr's, four of E. B. Cochrane's, and one of Rex Hartley's.

Entered also as claims for January are: Aune, John Amort, route one, Aumsville; six, Ray Satter, route six, Salem; three killed, one crippled and four missing, Lee Byers, Salem; three, Peter Peterson, route one, Turner; 10, Fred Viecko, route one, Gervais; one, Leroy Long, route two, Salem; one, William Jeskey, Aurora; two, Joseph Silbernagel, route one, Stayton; four, Edward Dunningan, Jr., route seven, Salem, and four, Arch Kimsey Salem.

In addition a new section provides that the city council may restrict a bus or bus-line operator to "a fair and reasonable rate of return upon the fair value of the property plus the reasonable cost of operation of the owner."

Received last week, but not yet gone over by the airport committee, the city's contract with United Air Lines, providing for operation out of the city port for a period of 25 years, will be presented to the council only if the entire committee has met and approved terms, Tom Armstrong, chairman of the committee, said Saturday night.

Alert Flashed For SF Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31-(AP)—The fourth interceptor command flashed a preliminary yellow alert signal at 7:33 p.m. Saturday, indicating that unidentified aircraft were operating somewhere in the San Francisco bay region. At 7:25 p.m.—22 minutes later—the all-clear was flashed.

Valentines

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