

Allied Positions In Pacific Battle Critical

No Dope!

Portland, Feb. 2—(AP)—The groundhog came out Monday on schedule, cocked his weather eyes skyward, but didn't say a word—Military censorship.

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Japs Hit In Isle Offense

Other Fights In Far East Going Badly

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The allied position appeared critical all over the Pacific Monday night with the one bright exception of Luzon in the Philippines, where a powerful enemy offensive had been utterly broken in a decisive American victory over two Japanese divisions of at least 30,000 men.

In 24 hours of action as heavy as anything seen since Gen. Douglas MacArthur fell back from Manila and reformed to begin his long and brilliant delaying action, the American-Filipino line across Batan peninsula beat off violent simultaneous assaults on its right and left, inflicting great casualties.

On Batan's west coast, at the American left, American-Filipino infantry and artillery hurled the invaders back to the shore, capturing those not killed or drowned in flight, the war department announced.

In the eastern sector American artillery blew away a Japanese frontal attack before it got fairly started and a subsequent enemy envelopment maneuver was torn apart.

Gen. MacArthur reported from the field that the Japanese command had thrown the best of its shock troops into the struggle; this and all other circumstances indicated that the enemy had suffered his greatest defeat yet in the Philippine theatre, although it developed that he had reached a point on the American right within 17 miles of the Batan tip fronting Corregidor island fortress in Manila bay.

While MacArthur was thus outdoing himself, however, the rest of the oriental panorama was not pleasant for the United Nations.

In the southwest Pacific, as well as Luzon, the day's principal successes were scored by Americans.

A late afternoon war department communique reported that American bombers had been in strong action both in the defense of the Dutch East Indies and in aid of the British at Singapore.

Four US army bombers en route to attack enemy shipping in Balikpapan harbor, Borneo, shot down nine Japanese fighter planes to the loss of only one American ship.

Other American fliers carried out raids on the Japanese Malayan air bases at Kuala Lumpur and Kuantan, and all returned unharmed. Because of poor visibility the results they obtained were not determined.

The siege of Singapore was having its slow beginnings. Action was light for the moment aside from intermittent British (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

House Speeds China Loan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—(AP) Legislation paving the way for a half-billion dollar loan to China which President Roosevelt said would increase that nation's capacity "to function with great military effectiveness" was sped toward enactment Monday by the house.

Chairman Bloom (D-NY) said the foreign affairs committee would hear treasury and state department officials at a private hearing Tuesday on the necessity for the legislation.

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Entire US Pacific Fleet Carrying War To Enemy's Door

Sea Chief Tells Raid On Bases

Recent Events Prove Activity Says Nimitz

HONOLULU, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Every ship and every man of the United States Pacific fleet, afloat and ashore, is now being utilized to the fullest extent to bring the war to the enemy's front door, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said Monday.

The fleet's spectacular assault on Japanese concentrations in the Gilbert and Marshall islands Sunday, the commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet commented, was in accordance with the characteristic United States navy tradition—seek out the enemy and destroy him.

"The question 'where's the fleet?' was answered partly by the splendid achievements of our ships and planes in attacks on enemy concentrations in the Marshall and Gilbert islands," Admiral Nimitz said in a statement.

"A month ago when I assumed command of the Pacific fleet," Admiral Nimitz said, "I said that I had undertaken a (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

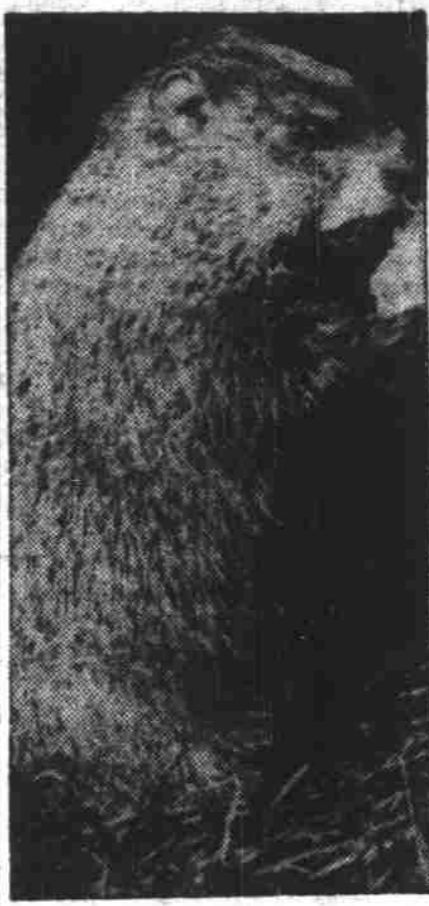
Weather Said Just Average In January

Willamette valley residents will probably remember 1942 for many years to come as the year of the big "silver thaw." But outside of the tremendous ice storm which downed telephone poles, electric lines, and trees, and wrecked havoc wherever it struck, January was not an unusual month, according to weather reports.

Maximum temperature was 57 degrees on January 25 and minimum was 17 on the 5th, average temperatures for the month of January, according to official weather observers.

Total rainfall for the month was 4.79 inches, only three-quarters of an inch above the inches. Heaviest rainfall day of the month was the 26th, when .89 inches fell. Lightest days were January 2, 3, 13, 17, 26, and 29 when only a trace of rain fell.

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Alderman Ford Resigns Post

Howard Maple Succeeds New Federal Worker; Bus License Tabled (See Pictures, Page Two)

Surprise resignation of Alderman Bert Ford and rapid election of Howard Maple to the post as alderman of ward seven climaxed Monday night's meeting of the Salem city council.

Ford, leaving the city to accept a government appointment he is not free to divulge, tendered his resignation in person at the close of a session which had run with almost clocklike smoothness through an average three-weeks' accumulation of business.

Nomination of Maple by James Clark, second alderman from the seventh ward and himself a council appointee, followed expressions of regret for the loss of Ford from other councilmen. An attempt to leave nominations open for two weeks, put to a vote, was tied five-to-five until Mayor Chadwick insisted all councilmen present must vote, and the motion lost by one response.

Maple, business manager of the Salem Senators ball club, Willamette university basketball coach and assistant football coach, is the third member of the current council appointed by that body to replace resigning aldermen.

Absence Monday night of Alderman George L. Belt, who it was understood, had spent the day in Portland arranging to join an (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Foodstuff Prices At Top Mark

Officials Agree On Stabilization Of Living Costs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard and Price Administrator Leon Henderson declared Monday night they were in "complete agreement" on food and farm product prices, and would take "effective, positive steps to stabilize the cost of living." In a joint statement, the two officials said also that supplies of most staple foods were at record or at near-record levels, and "there is no occasion for hoarding of food."

The price control bill gave the agriculture secretary a veto power over price ceilings on farm products. Farm-minded legislators wrote in this provision in belief Wickard would favor higher farm prices than would Henderson, who was formally nominated Monday to be price administrator.

However, Wickard told members of the senate agriculture committee Saturday that he intended to keep farm prices "around parity," rather than let them rise to the higher levels permitted in the price control bill. That testimony was received sourly by a number of committee members.

The Wickard-Henderson statement pledged the office of price administration and the department of agriculture to pool their resources and spare no effort to prevent inflation.

On the point of how this could be done, they said:

"First of all, we must have abundant production, and the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

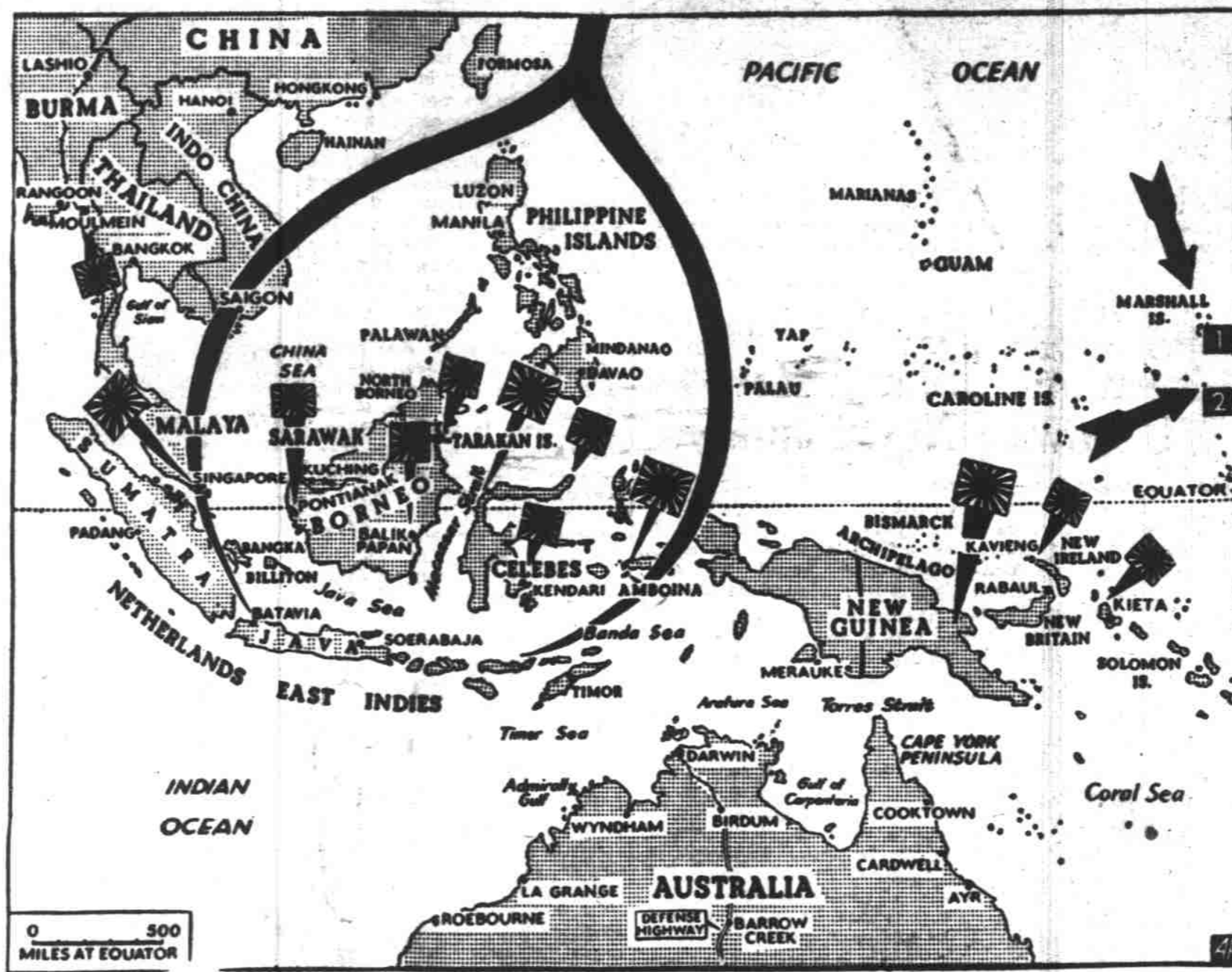
Fires Follow Quisling Rise

LONDON, Feb. 2—(AP)—The Oslo radio reported tonight that fires broke out at both the city's east and west railroad stations a few hours after the induction Sunday of Major Vidkun Quisling as the nazis' premier for Norway.

The fire at the east station, it was added, was not controlled until Monday morning.

Several persons were said to have been injured.

Where United Nations Struggle Against Jap Pincers



The United States navy reported a surprise attack by warships and planes of the Pacific fleet on Japanese naval and air bases in the Marshall (arrow 1) and Gilbert (arrow 2) islands had done great damage. The raids struck five enemy bases in the Marshall group and one on Makin island (3), northern isle of the Gilbert group which stretches southward toward the equator. Meanwhile the siege of Singapore was but one incident in the broad Japanese plan of conquest in the southwest Pacific—a plan which presented this picture of pincer-like nipponese thrusts aimed mainly at invasion of the fabulously-rich Dutch island of Java.

County Bonds Pledges High

More Than Million in Defense Securities to Be Bought This Year

Marion county citizens will buy approximately \$1,050,000 worth of defense bonds and stamps during the coming year, Frederick S. Lampert, chairman of the county defense savings committee, estimated Monday night as tabulation of pledges obtained by hundreds of "minute men" solicitors neared completion.

"I believe this will make Marion county the highest in the state in per capita pledging," Lampert said. "We estimated more than \$30,000 in pledges remain to be turned in from Salem minute men. All of the outlying towns have reported in with heavy contributions promised, and rural solicitation has been completed."

Lampert said his committee anticipated purchase of at least one-half million dollars more from persons who made indefinite pledges only. More than \$2,000,000 worth of bonds were bought in the county during the first 1½ years they were on sale.

Employees of the Oregon Pulp (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Big Test of Whistles Is Postponed

Wednesday or Thursday—but not today—may be designated as "day of whistles" in Salem, L. F. LeGarie, city defense chairman, declared Monday night as he explained a revision of plans for testing the city's new air raid devices.

There may be intermittent whistling throughout the day but no official test of the combined chorus of steam and compressed air whistles because they are not all completely installed, LeGarie declared.

Single whistles are blown, he explained, not to test the listeners' ears, but in the process of installation, since adjustments are required to insure the greatest carrying quality for the amount of pressure exerted and can be made only in process of mounting the whistles.

Sunday's Weather

Forecast withheld and temperature data delayed by heavy request. River Monday 5.7 feet. Max. temp. Sunday, 54, min., 44. Rainfall, 1.6 inches.

South River Road Work Will Be Resumed Today

Kings Valley Association Worried Over Effects of Containment; Officers To Urge Bridge as Military Aid

Good news and bad cheered and disturbed members of the Salem-Independence-Kings Valley Highway association at their annual road meeting at Monmouth Monday night.

The good—that a 60-man WPA crew would return to work this morning on the South River road, left cut up and muddy when the workmen were called away to make improvements at the Salem airport last fall.

The bad—that construction of an army cantonment north of Corvallis might shut off or at least seriously retard travel from Polk county south on the west side Pacific highway.

The association at the suggestion of State Sen. Dean Walker instructed its officers to watch development of plans for relocation of the west side highway closely and to prepare to present a strong case to proper authorities stressing military importance of the Salem-River road-Independence road, including a bridge across the Willamette river at Independence, as an outlet for cantonment and market traffic from Polk county.

Fear was voiced that cantonment traffic and business might all be directed toward Corvallis and Albany unless steps were taken to insist that the west side highway within and outside of the cantonment area be made adequate to handle an increased traffic load.

Priorities and financing considerations now make it unlikely that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

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The honorary degree of doctor of literature, conferred by the university, was presented by Pres. Knopf to Miss Ellen J. Chamberlin, recognized as the oldest living Willamette graduate, so far as year of graduation. She was a member of the class of 1868.

Sunday's worship service at the church was 100 years to the day after the university was organized.



High officials of state and church participated Monday in the formal inauguration of Dr. Carl S. Knopf as president of Willamette university. Some of the members of the academic procession who passed before the campus library for the above picture were (left to right) Gov. Charles A. Sprague and Justice James T. Brand, both official visitors to the university, Pres. Knopf, Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, former president and now head of the Methodist church in the Portland area, and Thakham Gilbert, secretary of the board of trustees. (Kennell-Edlin photo.)