

Lone US Writer Tells Singapore Death Struggle

Other Correspondents Leave City as Japs Draw Ring of Steel About British Base

(Editor's Note—Terrible yet bizarre, the following picture of Singapore—shellfire and the evening tea dance; dive bombers and placid movie-goers—comes from slight, grey-haired C. Yates McDaniel, the only American newspaper man to cover the nine-day siege and the only foreign newspaper man to remain now in the battle of the island itself. China-born, McDaniel has spent much of his life in the orient.)

By C. YATES McDANIEL

SINGAPORE, Feb. 10—(7:30 p. m.)—(AP)—From dawn to dusk Japanese invaders, greatly strengthened by new landings from across Johore strait, beat with rising fury Tuesday at British defenders who are falling back from the outer ring of Singapore's defenses under merciless enemy assaults by air and land.

In their hour of near-disaster imperial forces fought bitterly and stubbornly, making the invader pay dearly for every inch of ground.

Anti-aircraft batteries manned their guns unflinchingly, but still the hordes of heavy bombers and dive-bombers came.

Sir Shenton Thomas, Singapore's governor, declared solemnly:

"We are all in the hands of God, from whom we can get comfort in our anxieties and strength to play the man and help one another in all the ordeals which are to come."

It was a day of withdrawals also among the international press corps. A military spokesman gave his daily situational talk to an audience of three representatives of two local newspapers and myself.

For a fortnight I have been the only American newsman in Singapore and today the British correspondent of the United Press and the Australian representative of International News Service joined the Reuters manager and several Australian correspondents aboard an outward-bound vessel.

I looked down on Singapore in the late afternoon on a scene of striking contrasts.

To the north, columns of black smoke billowed skyward from burning oil tanks, providing a somber backdrop for the stage on which the grim drama is reaching its climax.

The opposing guns ceased their pounding for a brief moment but darting in and out of the drifting clouds of smoke, Japanese dive-bombers were delivering their last loads of the day before darkness called them back to their bases.

Near the center of the stage clouds of light gray smoke arose from rubber plants, pineapple canneries and factories to which the owners had applied the torch to prevent their use by the enemy.

The scene to the south was one of unnatural calm. In the far distance wisps of smoke spiraled slowly over fishing villages on the small Dutch islands which dot the straits between Malaya and Sumatra.

Inside Singapore harbor steamers, Chinese junks, Malay fishing craft and sampans rode at anchor.

TOKYO (From Japanese broadcasts), Feb. 11—(AP)—Japanese troops advanced to within 5 1/2 miles of Singapore city today when they stormed and captured Bukit Timah peak, highest point on the island. Japanese imperial headquarters announced a communique broadcast at 12:20 p. m. (11:20 p. m. Tuesday, eastern war time) added that the Japanese operating on Singapore island were continuing to drive the defenders before them.

chor just as they did when I first looked over the waterfront a year ago.

Along main roads in the foreground motor cars, trolleys and rickshaws were carrying people home after the day's work. In front of the famous Raffles hotel cars were depositing patrons of the daily tea dance and outside the movie house immediately below people were queuing up in front of the box office to see Joel McCrea and Ellen Drew in "Reaching for the Sun."

The oddest touch of unreality to the entire scene was provided by a letter which my fellow observer, Eric Davis, director of the Malayan Broadcasting corporation, received (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Dumping of "hazardous or deleterious substances" into Salem's sewage system would be made unlawful by an ordinance which will be introduced next Monday night to the city fathers, Phillip L. Holmes, chairman of the sewerage and drainage committee, announced Tuesday.

Holmes and City Engineer Harold Davis declared Salem had needed such prohibition for some time. An emergency clause is attached to the bill, which provides penalty for violation of a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500, or a sentence to the city jail of not less than 30 days nor more than six months, or both fine and sentence.

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Pressure Increased On Bataan

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Counties Prepare For Camp

Central Office For Cooperation May Be Set Up

Problems of housing more than 8000 construction workers and of meeting the recreation and other needs of a far greater number of soldiers when the Albany-Corvallis cantonment is completed are soon to be pipelined through a paid coordinator serving the Four-County Cantonment council, it was indicated at a meeting of the organization at Albany Tuesday night.

The council members, consisting of the county judges of Linn, Marion, Polk and Benton counties and mayors of seven cities affected by the cantonment, agreed to meet at Monmouth next Wednesday noon to vote on a budget for a central coordination office. A minimum cost of \$5000 a year was placed by Fred A. Cuthbert, consultant for the Oregon Economic council, on requirements of this office.

The coordinator would be responsible for assembling information dealing with problems of housing, sanitation, health, recreation and law enforcement expected to arise during construction and to continue following completion of the big army base, lying principally in Polk and Benton counties but touching Marion and Linn for a short distance.

A formula for pro-rating costs of the coordination office on the basis of population, area and assessed valuation of the counties and cities was outlined by W. H. Crawford, director of the economic council.

Belief that the vice problem, paramount in many recent discussions of the cantonment, would be negligible during the construction period was expressed by Cuthbert. He said experience around similar projects in California indicated that drunkenness and speeding would constitute the principal law enforcement problems.

Health and sanitation matters, it was disclosed by Mayor F. R. Bowersox of Monmouth, will be handled in Benton and Polk counties by a new two-county health service provided by the federal government.

A doctor for this agency has already arrived at Corvallis; a nurse and a sanitary officer are also to be provided to supplement services of the two counties' present health officers and nurses. Similar duties will be assumed by the already-constituted Marion and Linn county health departments. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Women Survey Workers Meet in Salem Today

Captains of the teams of women who next week are to undertake in Marion county a survey of the skills of women are to meet at 3 o'clock today in Salem chamber of commerce rooms to receive final instructions and materials, Mrs. David Wright, county chairman of the canvass has announced.

The meeting is open to all workers on the survey but captains especially are expected to be present, she said.

Navy Facing Mighty Job to Salvage Stricken Normandie

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—(AP)—The navy was confronted with the mightiest salvage job in history Tuesday—the raising and repairing of the 83,423-ton former French liner Normandie—a ghastly, flame-charred hulk lying on her side at her Hudson river pier at 50th street.

Naval officers and salvage men pointed out that never before had so large a ship capsized.

Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews, commandant of the third naval district, and Manhattan district attorney Frank S. Hogan attributed the blaze, which swept the ship for four hours Monday injuring 220 and killing one, to sparks from a welder's torch.

"The salient fact developed," said Hogan, "is that a flame, causing sparks to fly, was used within two or three feet of hundreds of inflammable materials.

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Gov. Sprague's Formal Candidacy Statement

Last summer I announced that I would be a candidate for reelection. I renew that announcement now, and accompany it with a brief statement.

My campaign for reelection is based on my record as governor. I submit that my administration has been clean, vigorous and constructive.

Under my leadership successful attacks were made on the problems of employment. Industrial peace and order have prevailed. Business and agriculture have prospered.

The finances of the state are in excellent condition. The deficit has been wiped out; the indebtedness steadily reduced. For the first time in history all property taxes for state purposes, including the elementary school tax, have been eliminated, the only property tax remaining being for strictly local purposes.

The war-stimulated prosperity has increased receipts from income and excise taxes and I shall recommend to the next session of the legislature a substantial reduction in state income taxes; or the application of an equivalent sum for reduction of local property taxes. This will bring much-wanted relief at a time when federal taxes are high and should be an attraction to new industries.

In my administration real progress has been made in efficiency and service of executive departments; in the care and management of institutions, notably those for the mentally ill; in meeting the state's obligation toward the aged and the impoverished; in obtaining for labor definite gains in compensation for unemployment and industrial accidents; in prison parole reforms.

I have worked for improvement of our public school system through consolidation of districts and equalizing the tax burden, and the establishment of vocational schools. I favor more generous support for our school system.

I have maintained an open door policy, hearing the appeals of all classes, but holding paramount the interest of all the people.

I launched constructive policies for the economic up-building of Oregon through a complete program of forest legislation for conservation and reforestation, and through an

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Sprague Submits Record In Reelection Campaign

Reiterates Candidacy Declaration of Last Summer; Says Sole Question in Race Is Experience; Cites Gains

Gov. Charles A. Sprague will be a candidate for reelection in May on the basis of his record, he announced Tuesday night in a formal reiteration of his declaration of candidacy made last summer.

"I submit that my administration has been clean, vigorous and constructive," the executive's statement said.

The issue of this year's gubernatorial campaign, the statement continued, is: "Shall the state change its leadership now?"

"Personalities of candidates, minor issues of local significance," he said, "are of no importance."

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City Schools Closing Date Set May 29

Spring vacation of Salem public schools was sliced from five days to one-half day by the board of directors Tuesday night, on recommendation of a special committee which conferred with US employment service officials. Closing date was set for May 29, one week earlier than usual.

Plans to cooperate closely in meeting needs for harvesting crops in nearby areas were stressed by the board, which tentatively set next year's school opening and closing for September 21 and May 28, respectively, with no spring vacation and shortened Christmas holidays.

Wooton Named Full Colonel

Promotion of Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director, from lieutenant colonel to colonel in the United States army, has been approved by the war department, Gov. Charles A. Sprague announced here Tuesday.

Colonel Wooton was inducted into active federal service from the Oregon national guard on September 21, 1940, and, upon recommendation of the governor, was appointed by the president to serve as state director of selective service for Oregon.

In addition to serving as state director of selective service, Colonel Wooton is acting adjutant general of Oregon during the absence of Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Riles, who is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

NY Mayor Ousted As OCD Head

Landis Is Named Chief; Mrs. FDR Now Under Fire

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Demands that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt quit the office of civilian defense arose in congress Tuesday as President Roosevelt announced the designation of James M. Landis to head the organization.

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York, who has headed the OCD since its establishment last fall, is stepping out immediately, Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference, and will be succeeded by Landis, now executive director.

A reporter, having in mind that Mrs. Roosevelt became assistant director before Landis joined the office, inquired whether Landis' say would now be final. The president replied that it would.

Before the president's announcement, Senator Butler (R-Neb) urged that both LaGuardia and Mrs. Roosevelt "remove themselves immediately from the OCD so that the real work can go forward." He contended that civilian defense "means organizing our civilians against danger, not teaching them new dance steps."

"It is obvious that the administration looks on this deadly serious problem as just an excuse for another social experiment," Butler said in a statement. "The time is past for boondoggling. If the communities wish to organize dancing and calisthenics, I am sure they can do it themselves without direction from the throne."

His reference to dancers obviously was a thrust at Mayor Lindsay, blonde entertainer and friend of Mrs. Roosevelt. Miss Chaney was named director of children's activities at \$4600 a year.

From the house, Rep. Taber (R-NY) wrote Comptroller General Lindsay Warren urging him to "eliminate from the rolls those who are engaged in what seems to me to be extra-legal activities."

In disclosing LaGuardia's departure, Mr. Roosevelt explained that the mayor never had received a formal appointment because there was some question whether the New York state constitution would permit it but had been requisitioned to organize the OCD and was leaving now that this job had been done. LaGuardia served here without pay.

Decorated



Priv., now Master Sergeant, Joseph L. Lockard (above), 20, of Williamsport, Pa., has received the distinguished service medal and a promotion for sounding the warning of the approach of Japanese planes at Pearl Harbor. His report to a superior was disregarded. He has also been designated for officer training.

Alert Hawaii Hero Honored

War Department Rates Jap Detector Private And Awards Citation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—(AP) Pvt. Joseph L. Lockard, who was practicing at an aircraft detector at Pearl Harbor after hours and detected the Japanese planes approaching December 7, only to have his warning disregarded, has been:

Awarded the distinguished service medal; Promoted to staff sergeant; and designated to attend the officers candidate school at Fort Monmouth, N.J., next month.

A war department communique Tuesday which told of the honors reported also that the plane Lockard detected had been proven to be the Japanese attackers.

The report of the investigating commission headed by Justice Owen J. Roberts of the supreme court, which recounted Lockard's action, left this point in doubt.

The report recited that Lockard reported the planes to "an inexperienced lieutenant" who assumed they were American and took no action.

Monday's Weather

Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River, Tuesday, 8.8 feet. Max. temp. Monday, 53, min., 46. Rainfall, .16 inches.

Invaders Hit Hard By Yanks

Defenders Shoot Down Seven Jap Planes in Day

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Great numbers of veteran Jap troops are exerting tremendous pressure on the center of General Douglas MacArthur's line on Bataan, the War department reported Tuesday, but the defenders have dealt the invaders hard blows in "particularly savage" fighting.

They mopped up Jap infiltration units on the left of the line, fought sharp patrol skirmishes on the right, and shattered with artillery fire a new attempt to land troops on the west coast of Bataan with the apparent purpose of taking the Americans and Filipinos in the rear.

In addition, the defenders shot down seven Japanese planes, and the guns of Fort Drum at the entrance to Manila Bay repelled, with apparent effectiveness, to shelling from Japanese batteries.

However, two war department communique issued during the day spoke semberly of large Japanese reinforcements making themselves "increasingly evident," and of the defenders battling against heavy odds.

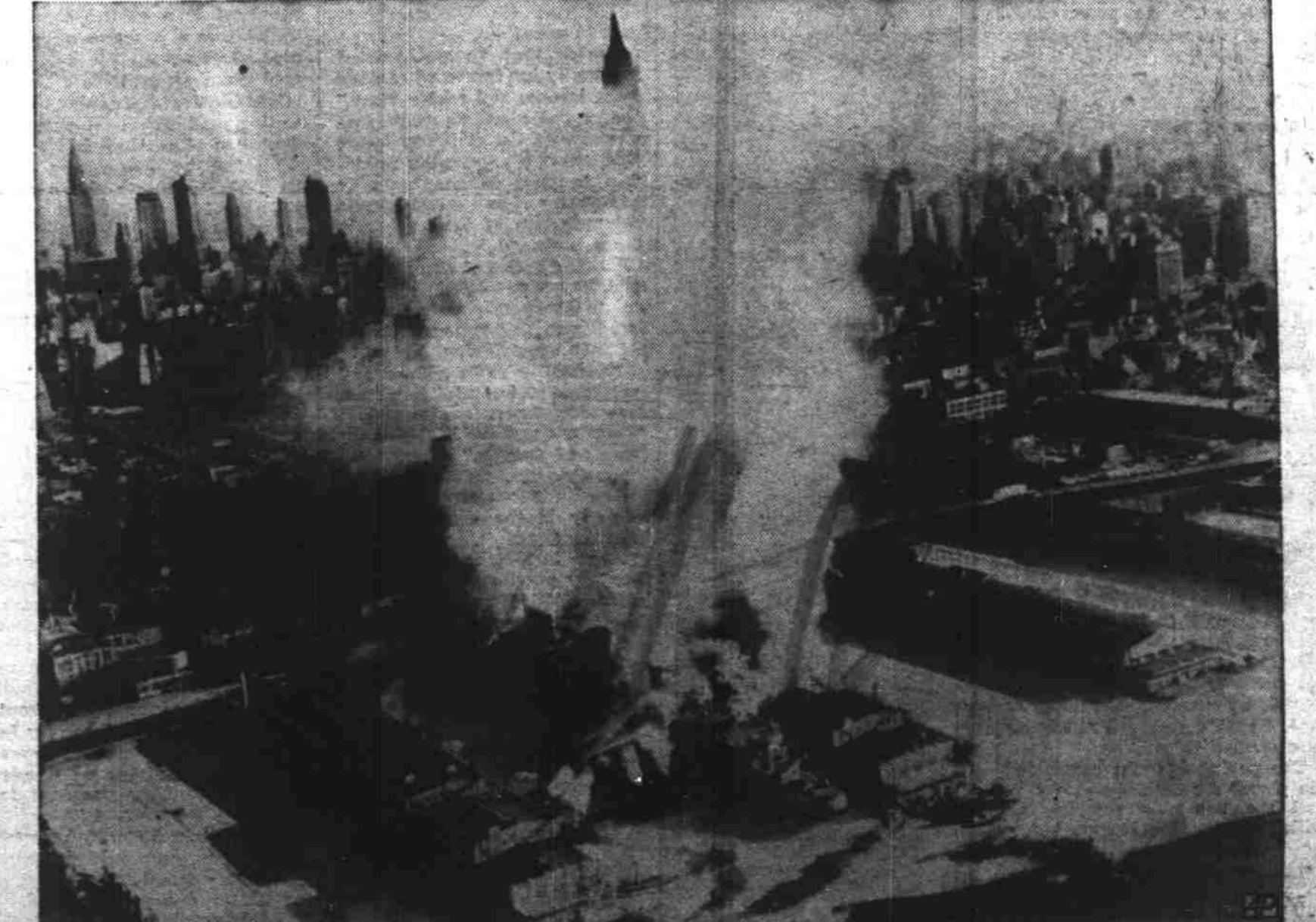
Five veteran Japanese divisions (presumably some 125,000 men) were present on Bataan peninsula, the army said, together with supporting forces, a force occupying Manila and another manning Japanese shore guns which have been intermittently pounding Corregidor and the other island forts.

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Whistle Test at Noon Today; Reports Asked

Test of six mockingbird-type whistles located strategically around Salem is scheduled for 12 o'clock noon today. L. F. LeGarde, Salem defense chairman, has announced. Residents of the city or its immediate suburbs who do not hear the whistles distinctly are asked to call the Salem police station, 3155, to report. This information is to be used in placing 10 electric sirens to serve also as air raid warnings, LeGarde said.

Here's Normandie Ablaze Before She Turned Over



Smoke shrouds Manhattan's skyscrapers as fire ravages the former French luxury liner Normandie at her Hudson river pier at New York City where she was being equipped for use as an auxiliary naval craft. Over 200 of the 2200 persons on board the vessel were injured. Early Tuesday morning the great ship capsized.