

Navy Secures Supply Lines

Pearl Harbor Fleet Protects Convoys to New Zealand Sector

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units of the Pacific fleet out of Pearl Harbor that "the battle of the supply line from America's factories to the far Pacific battle front has been won."

The Monitor correspondent reached Wellington Monday aboard a destroyer that was described as the first unit of a naval force under Commander Adm. Herbert F. Leary, who will direct called naval forces in the Anzac area.

He said the original mission of the naval force that set out from Pearl Harbor was "to cover the movement of reinforcements" that were poured ashore from former luxury liners at Pacific islands. Part of this same fleet, however, also attacked the Japanese mandated Gilbert and Marshall islands.

Declaring he was not privileged to tell what had happened since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Harsch added that it would, however, "make every citizen of the allied nations lift their chin a notch."

Harsch told of the arrival of the vanguard of a United States naval force at Wellington, described his landing from a destroyer and commented:

"Behind the color of this little set in a great drama lay a symbol of an important American victory . . .

"Japan has suffered its first serious reverse. An American admiral commands the terminus of the supply route. The way stations here are here, and the way is open for reinforcements and the vital weapons of war."

"Japan won the first blow at Pearl Harbor," he said. But Japan lost the battle of the supply lines . . .

"Japan's best guaranty of victory was to close that line. Japan still is capable of delivering powerful blows from its inner lines of communication, but American forces already have won the battle of access to the far Pacific."

He told of traveling part of the way from Pearl Harbor with the navy forces that attacked Japanese bases in the Gilbert and Marshall islands, before transferring to another unit by breeches buoy in mid-Pacific.

There were "days among the tropic islands where ships well known to the luxury trade poured American reinforcements into way stations," he said, and there were waving flags and hats as the destroyer ended its 4,000-mile journey at Wellington harbor.

The Monitor correspondent said he left Pearl Harbor on an airplane carrier accompanied by destroyers and cruisers. "No battleships encumbered swift movements," he commented.

One night, he heard the Japanese radio announce the sinking of the Forre with which he was sailing, but dawn found the entire unit intact.

"The Japanese literally did nothing to interfere with the original mission of this force, which was to cover the movements of reinforcements to way stations along the supply route," he said.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10-(AP) President Roosevelt defined the major war strategy of the United Nations today as an effort to keep the enemy in check and inflict the greatest possible destruction upon his men and resources while the allies are building a superior war machine.

The chief executive made this statement at a press conference when asked to comment on recent assertions that the people generally entertain an unwarranted spirit of complacency regarding the outcome of the war. Mr. Roosevelt agreed that to some extent this had been true.

A reporter asked him for comment on a speech by Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn of Ontario to the effect that Japanese naval superiority in the Pacific was so great that the American fleet had been forced into hiding. The president replied he had seen only a purported excerpt of the address, and that any comment should come from Ottawa, the Canadian capital.

WPA Pays for Extension of Salem Runway

Approval of a \$41,997 WPA allocation for the Salem airport provides funds to pay for the 1000-foot extension of the principal runway, which is completed except for paving, according to J. J. Griffith, state WPA administrator.

The paving is to be contracted "in place" for both the extension and the two new runways on which construction has started.

Famed Author Dies

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 10-(AP) Mrs. Alles Hegan Rice, author of the internationally famed novel, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," died at her home Tuesday night after a long illness. She was 72.

Gov. Sprague's Formal Candidacy Statement

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organized effort to develop industries to utilize the state's resources of power and products of farms, forests, mines and the sea, and now to participate in war production.

In the midst of this work for peace-time development the war broke upon us. In months before the war I sought by public address here and in other states to acquaint the people with our danger from an odds victory and especially the grave threat to this nation from Japan. As governor it was my duty to organize and direct the war effort in Oregon. Our success in enrolling the military strength, in planning and organizing civilian defense which was actually ready when war came, in locating and training workers for war industries have won praise from national authorities, military and civil, and have given our people a sense of security based on knowledge of preparedness and vigilance. This duty is still upon me.

I am now called on to conduct a political campaign for renomination for this election year. In this crisis I cannot neglect my official duties to devote much time for personal campaigning. I must depend on the people of Oregon who approve of my administration of state affairs, in peace and in war, to carry my campaign forward. I have built no personal political machine in my three years as governor; but have worked with the state and county party organizations. I have gone on the principle that my achievement as governor and my program for the future would be my best campaign argument.

The issue in this campaign is this: Shall the state change its leadership now? Personalities of candidates, minor issues of local significance are not the real question. That question is, Shall the governorship continue in experienced hands for the four difficult and uncertain years ahead?

I may not be able because of my present responsibilities to visit personally every section of the state. I shall by radio address and published statements, however, carry my appeal to the minds and hearts of the voters of Oregon.

Plane Crashes Fatal to Five Army Fliers

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 10-(AP) The army air corps announced late Tuesday 2nd Lieut. G. E. Houston, of San Antonio, Texas, was killed Tuesday when his single seater plane crashed and burned at nearby Fort Lewis.

Release of full details of the accident was not immediately approved by the airfield's commander, Col. A. F. Herold, but it was officially announced an investigation of the mishap was underway.

Colonel Herold passed for publication the fact that the aircraft was making "a routine flight" at the time of the crash, and that Houston was the only man aboard.

McChord Field press officers reported flames broke out immediately after the ship hit the ground on the military reservation, virtually demolishing the machine.

Lieutenant Houston was unmarried, they added.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 10-(AP) Four army air corps cadets crashed to their deaths and a fifth parachuted to safety when a flight of training planes enroute from Luke Field, Ariz., to El Paso, Tex., encountered a blinding rain storm near Hachita, NM, Monday night.

Luke field authorities issued a statement telling these details of the flight:

"Elements of three planes each were dispatched from Luke field at three-minute intervals, starting at 7:30 p.m. Each element was led by an instructor. Weather forecasts along the route indicated clear or high clouds, with ceiling and visibility unlimited.

"A blinding rain storm was encountered, however, in the vicinity of Hachita, and several students became lost from their respective instructors."

"Victory" Suit



Here is the "Victory" suit, shown by Designer James Balleita of New York City. It is without cuffs, vest, pleats, suspenders, belt and lapels.

—J. L. N. Photograph

FDR Praises Scouts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10-(AP) President Roosevelt, in his annual message to the Boy Scouts of America, said Tuesday night that scout training had been "heartening" aid in organizing the armed forces.

Singapore in Death Struggle

Lone US Writer Tells Of Battle as Nippon Closes In on City

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from a gramophone corporation informing him that "record number DB—is unavailable for broadcast without special permission of Messrs. Walt Disney, Mickey Mouse, Incorporated."

The enemy's troops were believed to stand 100,000 strong on the island itself and immediately across the strait, and with this overwhelming air superiority he was steadily extending the area of his conquest.

The British command, in the second successive communique to announce a forced withdrawal of the Imperial line, reported late in the day:

"During last night the enemy succeeded in making further landings on the island in the area between Sungai Mandai and Sungai Kranji (the area along the northern part of the island eastward from Kranji estuary.)

"The enemy has maintained continuous dive bombing and machine-gun attacks on our forward areas in the western sectors throughout the day as well as high-level bombing attacks by large formations of aircraft.

"At the same time, he has maintained heavy pressure and has continued to infiltrate in this area.

"Despite stubborn resistance, there has been some further withdrawal of our forces."

During the early morning hours fires glowed red along the northern island and later in the day gray clouds and black pillars of smoke obscured the forward battle areas.

(London quarters were gloomy over Singapore's grave situation, but authoritative sources were inclined to discount suggestions that the Japanese had infiltrated into the city itself. Latest information to London, however, put the invader 10 miles from Singapore city.

(A Singapore radio station—apparently the main station, for there are a number on the island—went off the air at 12:30 p.m., London time.

(An Exchange telegraph dispatch to London reported that the British were blowing up all oil tanks and putting the torch to all rubber, pineapple and other factories in the northwest area of the island.

(Among a series of successes claimed during the day by the Japanese, the most significant was the claim that the dynamite causeway connecting Singapore island with the mainland had been repaired during the night by Japanese engineers and that Japanese reinforcements and reserves of supplies were moving over it.)

The enemy's landings were made in steel vessels. How far the invader had beaten to the east from the Kranji-Mandai area was not officially disclosed. Some eastward infiltration had been acknowledged, however, since Monday.

The outnumbered imperial forces—British, Australians, Indians—were making a great and gallant stand, but although they were cutting the invader down in enormous numbers his pressure never slackened.

LONDON, Feb. 10-(AP)—The newly-created Pacific war council met Tuesday night to frame a common policy in the far east as waves of Japanese smashed with mounting fury at weary defenders of Singapore, last stronghold of the British empire's might in the Pacific.

Prime Minister Churchill presided over the council which convened in a capital overcast with gloom at accounts of Japanese successes on the beleaguered island stronghold.

Coincident with Tuesday night's meeting, Churchill moved to strengthen the United Nations' war effort by designating Lord Beaverbrook, newly-appointed minister of production, to represent Britain in various pooling arrangements with the United States, in a capacity corresponding with that of Donald M. Nelson, head of the American war production board.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10-(AP)—S. Sloan Colt, national chairman of the Red Cross war fund, said Tuesday night that the nation already had contributed \$52,000,000 toward the \$85,000,000 goal.

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Nazis Stiffen Against Russ

MOSCOW, Feb. 10-(AP)—German ski troops were appearing in large numbers on the north central front tonight and the Red army, slowly re-winning more ground after clearing the invader from three whole provinces, faced most stubborn resistance yet from retreating Nazi units.

On every sector of the front the Germans were throwing in reserves at great cost and were feverishly fortifying as deeply as possible the approaches to inhabited localities.

Nevertheless, Moscow, Tula and Ryazan provinces on the central front were completely cleared of the Germans; a large part of the Kalinin province on the north central front and a considerable portion of Leningrad province had been freed and ejection of the Germans proceeded in Smolensk province and the Ukraine.

Escapes From Fire on Normandie



Volunteer rescue workers aid a blanket-wrapped workman who escaped from the fire which swept the former French liner Normandie at its Hudson river pier at New York city.

Ration Board Asks for Aid

Wants County Court to Provide Funds; Seeks Free Downtown Office

Financial support totaling \$75 monthly has been asked of the Marion county court for ration board operating expenses, John Heltzel, county ration board administrator and chairman of the Salem local board revealed Tuesday.

Eventually, Heltzel said he was given to understand, federal funds may be forthcoming to meet certain of the rationers' expenses, but that possibility seems distant. With the addition of other commodities to the originally-limited list for rationing, the task is rapidly outgrowing the accommodations board members themselves have provided, he declared.

"We shall simply have to locate our records in some central place, plan to meet there and to have full-time office help," Heltzel said, pointing out that he hoped office and assistance would be donated, but that stamps and supplies and telephone will be required.

Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Polk counties are providing working funds to their boards, Heltzel said. Polk, with 15,000 residents in comparison with Marion's 75,000, is contributing \$50 a month, he declared.

Persons seeking permission to purchase tires are finding present arrangements confusing with headquarters operating at Heltzel's office, his residence and the residences of the other two members of the board. No better plan can be devised unless some public-spirited citizen or organization offers to provide office space rent free until such a time as the federal government supplies funds for the board, he said.

Russ Approve US Minister

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Feb. 10-(AP)—Both Russian military and diplomatic circles received warm Tuesday the appointment of Admiral William H. Standley as United States ambassador to the soviet union.

The admiral, who was named to the post Monday by President Roosevelt, made many friends as a delegate last autumn to the three-power war supply conference in Moscow.

The soviet government already has given its official approval to his selection.

Red Cross War Fund Said Nearing Goal

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Boulder Derails Train

TACOMA, Feb. 10-(AP)—A large boulder caused the derailment of a Northern Pacific work train at 4:15 p.m., the railroad's chief dispatcher here reported Tuesday night, blocking the Seattle-Yakima tracks between Eagle Gorge and the head plant of the Tacoma water works and delaying a passenger train more than six hours.

Paris Hit by Pox

PARIS, OCCUPIED FRANCE, Feb. 10-(AP)—An outbreak of smallpox in the Paris region prompted the Academy of Medicine to issue an urgent recommendation to the populace Tuesday to be vaccinated.

Counties Set For Big Camp

Central Office for Cooperation May Be Set up, Meet Told

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Housing surveys are nearing completion in six of the seven cities involved, Mayor M. J. Butler of Independence reported and a seventh, from Albany, was promised by Mayor A. G. Sanders of that city.

The federal government is expected to erect enough "demountable" houses to supply needs not met by local capital, Cuthbert said.

Salem builders, Mayor W. W. Chadwick told the council, are prepared to put up all the additional housing that may be required here.

That the heaviest demand for housing cantonment construction workers may be expected before summer was indicated by statements made to the council.

Mayor H. W. Hand of Corvallis, council chairman, said he knew of private capital that was ready to build at least 150 dwellings as soon as they were required in the Albany-Corvallis area, a report seconded by County Judge Barrett of Linn.

A committee headed by County Judge Grant Murphy of Marion is conducting a survey of trailer camp requirements and possible measures to prevent mushrooming of undesirable types of roadside stands and resorts. He expressed confidence that the county courts could regulate beer taverns and dance halls satisfactorily through their privilege of passing on licenses. Community committees were suggested by Mayor Guy Newgent of West Salem as a means of keeping out undesirable elements.

Crowding of schools and expansions of facilities expected to be caused by the influx of cantonment workers have been thoroughly studied and recommendations prepared by a committee of superintendents, Mayor Leif Finseth of Dallas informed the council.

How Abraham Lincoln drew together the cords of disharmony, overcoming the spirit of compromise which marked the expressed public opinion even of the northern states in 1860, knotting them into a united front to save the union, was graphically described to Marion county republicans Tuesday night by Judge Wallace McCamant of Portland.

Although Lincoln had been elected on a platform expressly opposed to the spread of slavery to the territories, South Carolina's abrupt action was regarded as logical and the possibility that others might leave the union imminent by a majority of the republican spokesmen of the north, McCamant said.

Recognition of the deeper streams of public opinion, the honest beliefs of a people, McCamant cited as one of the martyred president's great attributes.

Introducing Judge McCamant, Gov. Charles A. Sprague pointed a comparison between the strenuous winter of 1860-61 and that of 1941-42, a period he declared that of deepest strain and stress since the civil war.

Master of ceremonies for the annual Lincoln-Day meeting, Talbot Bennett, president of Marion County Young Republicans' club, thanked senior party members for their interest in the group of young political workers. He was introduced by Mrs. R. L. Wright, Marion county central committee chairman.

Plans for a Marion county republican rally February 25 when Miss Marion Martin, vice chairman of the party's national central organization and head of its women's work is to be in Salem, are in the making, she announced, urging large attendance at that session.

At the lace-spread table centered by an arrangement of red and white carnations, guarded by blue candles, Mrs. Charles A. Sprague and Mrs. Earl Snell poured during the informal reception which followed the program.

Serving were Miss Mary Eason, Miss Marianne Owen, Miss Margery Price, Miss Patricia Meeker and Mrs. Talbot Bennett.

Mrs. Helen Ficke, Mrs. J. H. Hurnbull and Mrs. Walter Spaulding comprised the committee on refreshments.

Japs to Tell Names Of Yank Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10-(AP) The American Red Cross said Tuesday night it had received a cable from the International Red Cross at Geneva, Switzerland, indicating that information may be released shortly regarding American prisoners of war in Japan.

At the same time, Senator Clark (D-Idaho) said he had been informed that the United States has transmitted a list of Japanese captured by American forces to Geneva, and that the Japanese were expected to reciprocate.

US Seaplane Leads Rescue

AN EAST CANADIAN PORT, Feb. 10-(AP)—A United States flying boat led to the rescue of 27 survivors of a Greek freighter who were among 47 crewmen arriving here Tuesday after two sinkings by enemy submarines in the western Atlantic.

The survivors from the Greek merchantman said a U-boat shelled their ship for 3 1/2 hours, then raked their lifeboats, killing two of their mates and wounding three. The flying boat spotted them and directed a British ship to the rescue.

The other 20 seamen were from a freighter of undisclosed nationality. A search is under way by sea and air for 28 of their mates adrift in lifeboats.

Plane Crash on London Building-Kills Seven

LONDON, Feb. 10-(AP)—Two sharp explosions sounded from the air over the London area Tuesday night and a British plane came tumbling down on a building, killing seven persons, including the pilot. Six others in the building were injured.

Jap Pressure On Bataan Up

Invaders Hit Hard By Yanks Who Bag Seven Enemy Planes

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"Enemy reinforcements, which have been particularly heavy during the last few days, are making their presence in Bataan increasingly evident," the latest of the two communiques said. "The 3rd, 16th, 18th, 28th and 65th Japanese divisions have been identified as participating in the fighting in Bataan, while the 48th under Lieut. Gen. Ichiji Dobashi is on the line of communication."

"Another force, under Lieut. Gen. Susumu Morioka, is manning the Japanese guns on the Cavite shore and occupying Manila. In addition, there are large numbers of Japanese supporting troops in other sectors of Luzon."

The day's first communique besides speaking of the "heavy odds" against MacArthur, reported, nevertheless, the destruction of seven more Japanese planes.

The announcement also disclosed that a small army transport, the Royal T. Frank, had been torpedoed and sunk in the Hawaiian area, with 33 survivors, all safe at an Hawaiian port, and 29 persons "missing and believed lost."

The communique told, too, of a "relatively minor" air encounter in the Dutch East Indies area, in which a small formation of American pursuit planes took on a flight of Japanese bombers, and downed one of them. None of the American planes was damaged.

The seven Japanese planes destroyed by MacArthur's troops on Bataan brought their total bag for the entire period of the war to 163 enemy aircraft known definitely to have been destroyed, the army said. This does not include many Japanese planes which were hit and probably destroyed.

Despite the overwhelming numbers of Japanese on Bataan, the communique said, a message from General MacArthur had stressed the "grim determination" of his forces.

BATAVIA, N.E.I., Feb. 10-(AP) Japanese troops have begun landing in southwestern Celebes near Macassar, key port lying 500 bomber miles from Soerabaja, main allied naval base, in a steady pinners movement against the United Nations' Java stronghold, it was announced officially Tuesday night.

To the west across Macassar strait, Japanese troops on Borneo island were striking overland from Balikpapan toward Bandjermasin, a port only 300 miles above Soerabaja, and from Pontianak, a base only 440 miles north of Batavia, this Dutch East Indies capital.

Dutch troops on Celebes strongly engaged the invaders near Macassar while destroying installations in the Celebes capital in pursuance of the "scorched earth" policy.

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 10-(AP) British troops smashed Tuesday night at a small enemy force north of Martaban, and their commanders declined comment on an enemy claim that the city itself had fallen.

Martaban, on the west bank of the treacherous Salween river where the defenders have stood firm for ten days, is of strategic importance. Its capture would mean that the Japanese had thrown a bridgehead across the Salween and had a relatively clear path ahead to the great port of Rangoon, less than 100 miles away.

Coastal roads and a railway skirt the tide-swept Gulf of Martaban to Rangoon, the much-bombarded port of the vital Burma road.

Japanese bombers kept clear of Rangoon today, well aware of the fierce string of American and British fliers who have made the approaches to the port a graveyard for Tokyo's planes.

Cantonment Bid Accepted

SEATTLE, Feb. 10-(AP)—Okey J. Gregg, president of the Sound Construction and Engineering company, announced Friday his company was low bidder, with an offer of \$27,500,000, for a contract to construct a new army cantonment "somewhere in the Pacific northwest."

He said an employment office would be opened in Portland. Military regulations prohibit the disclosure of the location of the proposed plant.

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