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JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 11—(AP)—Claude Bridges Watson, 47, joined the navy when his son was killed at Pearl Harbor, Wednesday he invested the \$5000 war insurance in defense bonds.

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Singapore Refuses Jap Surrender Demand

Tire Caps On Ration List Now

Rubber Goods of All Types Feel New US Slash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Picturing the rubber supply situation as "much blacker" than a month ago, the government Wednesday ordered the rubber content of tires and other products curtailed sharply and announced that retreaded and recapped tires would be rationed.

Officials laid the increasing gravity of the rubber situation to additional military requirements and the prospect of "very substantial increases" in these needs.

In the first action of its kind, the war production board issued detailed specifications for 10 major classes of rubber goods to save some 25,000 tons of crude rubber annually.

The order provided for 15 per cent less rubber in automobile tires, only 7 1/2 ounces in bicycle tires instead of 17, and only half a pound of rubber in boots and overshoes.

Administrator Leon Henderson said so little crude rubber was available for retreading that probably no motorists except those now eligible to buy new tires would be able to buy retreads or have their present tires recapped under the rationing to start February 19. However, in case additional supplies of retreading material become available, a second-tier rationing system will be instituted. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Dutch Admiral Pacific Chief

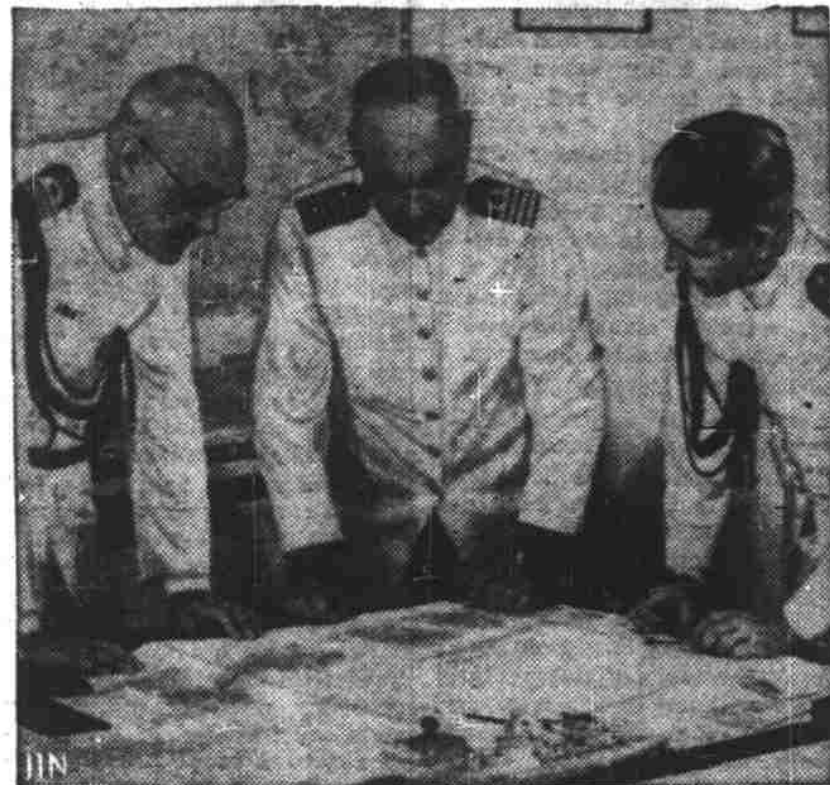
Helfrich Takes Place Of Hart; Offensive Tactics Expected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—(AP) An admiral of the Royal Netherlands navy succeeded to the command of American and other allied sea forces defending the rich East Indies today.

The shakeup in command was occasioned, it was officially announced, by the heretofore unrevealed illness of Admiral Thomas C. Hart, 64-year-old American, who requested to be relieved of his weighty duties as chief of the combined naval forces in the Western Pacific.

To the place he had held since January 17 the United Nations leadership elevated his second-in-command, Vice Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich. This 55-year-old native of the Indies thus becomes supreme director of allied naval strategy in the face (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Dutch Chuc. Succeeds Hart



The Dutch Vice-Admiral Helfrich, (center), has been named by and succeeded US Admiral Hart, it was announced Wednesday. Adm. Hart, reports indicate is seriously ill at the Java headquarters of the allied Pacific command.

War Orders For State Seen Near Probability

David Eccles Returns From Washington With Reports of Possible Proposals For Several Major Oregon Industries

Definitely hopeful that Oregon industries may soon be receiving additional defense contracts, David Eccles, the governor's coordinator of war industries, returned to Salem from Washington, DC, Wednesday to report on his journey and to conduct a round of informative discussions with interested manufacturers.

Contracts for wooden lifeboats, engines and projectiles are in the making and others may be anticipated soon, Eccles said.

Eccles conferred with Oregon congressmen, maritime officials and heads of other departments dealing with the war program.

"I found the maritime officials interested in our situation," he reported. "Without committing themselves they indicated they would go as far as possible in assisting Oregon and its industries."

Most effective approach for industrialists to keep their plants busy is to present specific contract proposals, Eccles declared. He said he was unable to disclose the nature of several major proposals already being formulated. Within the next few days Eccles expects to meet with a number of industrial leaders to assist in promoting a profitable program for the state. All sections of the state having industrial facilities will be considered, he said.

Loggers Draft New Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11—(AP) The Columbia Basin Loggers association is drafting a new proposal designed to end transportation strikes in Oregon lumber camps, the CIO International Woodworkers of America said Wednesday.

US Sends Troops To Venezuela

To Aid Defense Of Islands off Guiana Coast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The state department announced Wednesday night that the United States had sent a contingent of troops to Curacao and Aruba off Dutch Guiana to assist the Dutch armed forces in the defense of those islands.

The United States forces will operate under the general supervision of the governor of Curacao and will be withdrawn after the war.

It is understood, the state department announced, that the Venezuelan and the Netherlands governments have reached an agreement for Venezuela to cooperate in the defense.

The department added that Venezuela had indicated its wholehearted approval of the measures.

The text of the state department announcement follows:

The United States government, at the request of The Netherlands government, has sent a contingent of the United States army to Curacao and Aruba to assist the Dutch armed forces in the defense of these islands and the oil refineries thereon which are vital to the war effort of the United Nations and the defense of the western hemisphere.

The United States forces will operate under the general supervision of the governor of Curacao and will be withdrawn upon the termination of the emergency.

It is understood furthermore that the Venezuelan and the Netherlands governments have reached an agreement whereby the former will cooperate in this defense measure in a manner similar to that agreed upon between the governments of Brazil and The Netherlands in the case of Surinam.

The government of Venezuela had indicated its wholehearted approval of these emergency measures.

The governments of the American republics are being notified of the foregoing arrangements.

Piano Loan Wanted by UHA Chief

"Do you have a spare piano?" That was the call issued Tuesday night by Dr. Henry E. Morris, president of the United Hospitality association, in behalf of soldiers stationed at the fairgrounds here.

The instrument is needed both for the orchestra and for general recreation. Persons wishing to loan a piano for two to four months may call T. B. "Tom" Hill or Dr. Morris, who said the men had promised good care.

Picture postcards of Salem for the soldiers to send the "folks back home" are also needed.

Aiken Named Budget Chief

George W. Aiken, publisher of the Ontario Argus, is to succeed David Eccles as state budget director and executive secretary to the governor, Gov. Charles A. Sprague announced Wednesday. He will take over the dual position on March 1.

Eccles was recently appointed as coordinator of war production for the state.

Aiken, former mayor of Ontario, is a republican.

Salem Offices to Close For Lincoln's Birthday

State, county and city offices in Salem, with the exception of those charged with keeping the peace, are closed today in observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Only government agency open for regular business, with the exception of emergency and police units, is the postoffice. Banks, too, are closed.

Fall of British Bastion Seen As Matter of Hours; Invaders Claim Entry; Dutch Prepare for Attack

Bataan Awaits Renewed Drive By Japanese

MacArthur Tells Air Battle Details Over Defending Forces

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—(AP) Awaiting a renewed offensive by the heavily reinforced Japanese, General Douglas MacArthur Wednesday reported to the war department the details of a "spectacular" air battle in the Philippines in which a force of six enemy planes was completely destroyed.

One American pursuit ship was missing as a result of the action, which was first reported Wednesday.

Several American fighter planes, which had been escorting a slow-moving photographic plane, were about to land when they spotted the enemy group. Instead of taking to the ground they pounced upon the Japs.

"A series of thrilling dog fights ensued," the war department said. "Four enemy fighters were immediately shot down. A fifth was crippled and veered off to the north, landing on an air field near Pilar where it was destroyed by our artillery."

The sixth plane fell out of control and was ultimately found where it crashed in the mountains of Bataan. This accounted for all of the enemy planes engaged in the combat. One of our planes is missing."

The photographic plane, which had been on a mission over Cavite province, was piloted by Captain Jesus Villamor of the Philippine air force, who recently was awarded the distinguished service cross with oak leaf cluster for repeated acts of extraordinary heroism. He had landed safely when the enemy planes were sighted.

On Bataan peninsula, meanwhile, the fighting was in a lull, with the American and Filipino troops there bracing themselves for a full scale attack obviously in the making.

The "movements of hostile reinforcements" indicated, the department said, the early resumption of an "attack in force" upon the position of the defending forces.

Huge McChord Bomber Falls

McCHORD FIELD, Wash., Feb. 11—(AP)—The McChord field public relations office reported Wednesday night that one of the base's twin-motored bombers was missing after an airplane's crash had been reported from the farming district near Toit, 20 miles east of Seattle.

The office said it had no information on how many men were aboard nor the pilot's identity. A bomber of the type normally carries a crew of three to five men.

The field reported the bomber was unreported on a routine flight. A crew went from the field to Toit to work with the state patrol at the scene. The crashed plane did not burn.

Norway Peace Meet Slated

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 11 (AP)—Maj. Vidkun Quisling, Nazi-installed Norwegian premier, is expected in Berlin within 24 hours for "peace negotiations" between his German-occupied country and the Reich, press dispatches said Wednesday.

Under such an agreement Norway would not have to pay the big cost of German occupation, it was said, and there also were reports that Norway hoped to obtain sovereignty "over certain territories which Norway claims because of historical rights" after the war.

Singapore Dispatch Riders



This photograph, airmailed to The Statesman, shows British dispatch riders carrying orders from inland Singapore island to army headquarters in the doomed British bastion.

War Board Orders Cut In Tin Can Production

Only Farm Production Produce Goals Are Unaffected; Canners Told to Eliminate Smaller Containers; Time Limits Set

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—(AP)—The war production board Wednesday ordered a drastic reduction in the manufacture and use of tin cans and prohibited the canning of such products as beer, dog food, pork and beans, coffee, tobacco and oil after March 1.

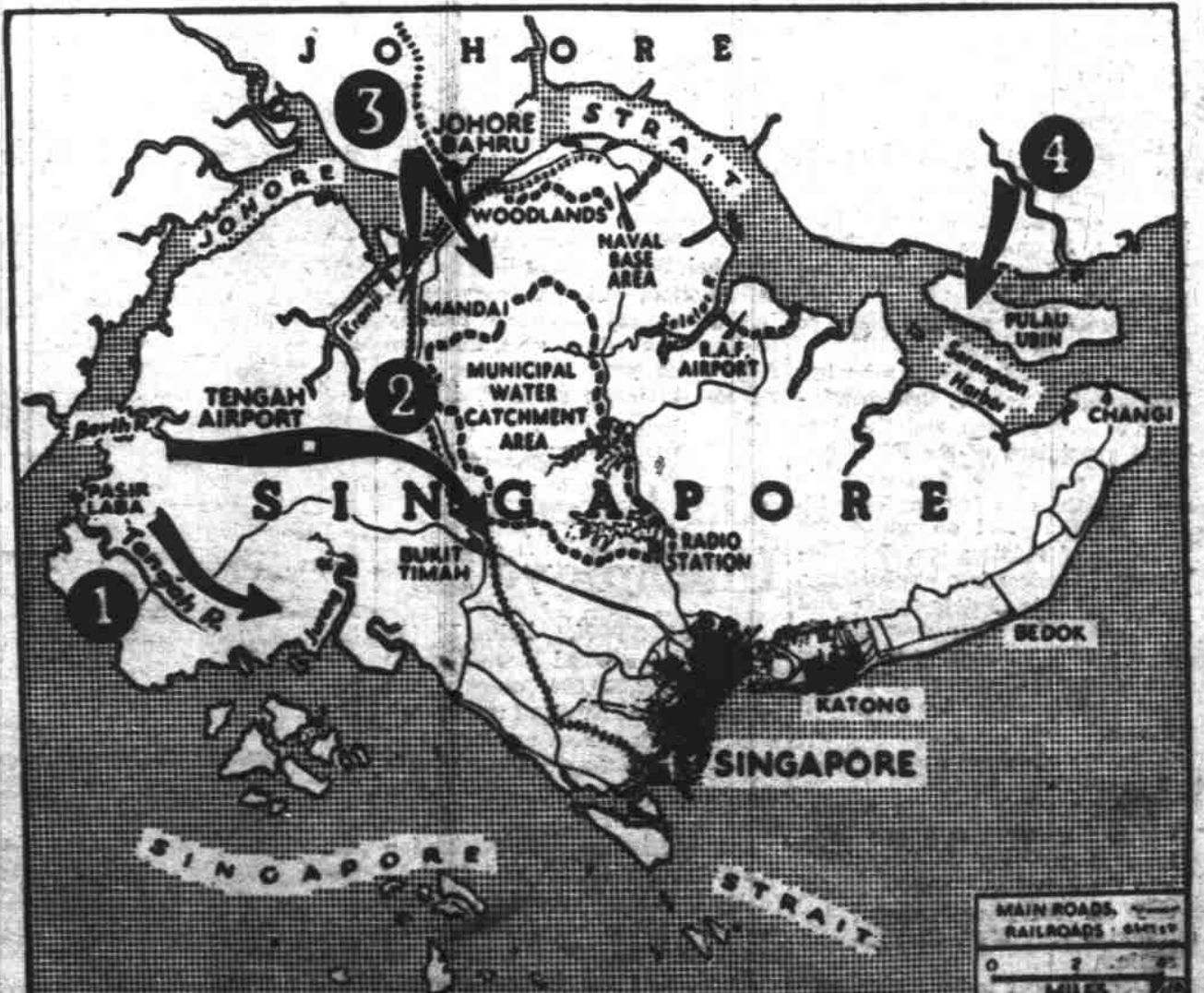
The board also directed manufacturers to eliminate small-size cans, and established priorities on future production. Experts estimated the orders would cut consumption of tin by can manufacturers about 40 per cent compared with 1941 figures—a saving of at least 15,500 tons.

Unlimited production of cans will be permitted for packaging the principal items on which the agriculture department has set production goals and which would spoil if not canned while (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Tuesday's Weather

Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. Wednesday river, 9.5 feet. Max. temperature Tuesday, 55, min., 46.

How Japs Poured Troops Into Singapore



British sources called the Singapore situation "very bad" as Japanese forces poured onto the island, along the Tengah river (1), down past Tengah airbase toward Bukit Timah (2), across Johore Strait between Mandai and Kranji, and over the causeway which they had repaired (3). Reports indicate the Japs crossed from Pulau Ubin (4) also.

Five Months Needed to Right Liner



The designer of the capsized Normandie said that the fallen giant could be righted only by its own buoyancy and estimated that that job would take five months. "Men and machines aren't powerful enough," Vladimir L. Youpevitch said. "The Normandie will have to save itself." As the first step in salvaging the fire-scarred \$60,000,000 liner that was the pride of France, he said all openings and vents in the ship's upper part, now under water, must be repaired and the compartments pumped free of water. Then he would pour 6000 tons of water into the double bottom and fill other lower compartments to help create buoyancy.