

Sea And Air Battle Rages Off Bali

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FBI Seizes 200 Aliens In West Coast Raids

Take Two In Salem Roundup

Entire Western Area Combed In Sabotage Check

In the biggest FBI raids of the war, loosed Saturday all along the Pacific coast and in Arizona, federal agents working with local police seized more than 500 Japanese, German and Italian aliens. Among the persons held, some of whom were linked with organizations in enemy nations, were one Japanese and one German from the Salem area.

Both seizures here were for possession of contraband. J. Douglas Swenson, chief of the FBI office in Portland, told The Statesman on Saturday night. They were the result of day-long investigation of aliens and their residences by federal bureau agents and men from Salem city police and Marion county sheriff's offices.

Western Oregon raids netted fewer arrests than those in Washington and California, reports from the other two coast states indicated. Swenson said seven Germans had been taken in the raids at Coos Bay, two Germans at other Oregon coast points, one each at Gaston and Hillsboro, a Japanese at Coos Bay, and two at Portland.

Fortteen squads struck simultaneously throughout Oregon in (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Eccles Named To Head War Board Office

Establishment of a permanent office of the state war industries division in Portland, with David W. Eccles, state war industries coordinator in charge, will be announced early next week, Gov. Charles A. Sprague said here Saturday. The office will be a branch of the executive department.

Eccles said he already had contacted a number of Oregon industrialists, in connection with war contracts, and others would be interviewed during the next few days.

The war industries coordinator said he particularly was interested in obtaining contracts for Oregon manufacturers involving wood life boats, projectiles and marine engines. Oregon recently received a large marine engine contract, following Eccles' visit to Washington, DC, where he contacted Oregon's delegation in congress and government war agencies.

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New Car Ration Rules Released

Purchase Permits To Be Granted by Local Boards After March 2

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP) Farmers, if they have no other means of transportation, defense workers, taxi operators, and essential traveling salesmen will be eligible to buy new automobiles under rationing regulations announced today.

Aside from these groups, the eligible list follows in general that for rationing of new tires and includes physicians, visiting nurses, fire fighters, policemen, and others regarded as essential to protection of safety and health.

No one will be permitted to buy a new automobile, however, unless the local rationing board is satisfied that the applicant's present car is not adequate for the duties he performs.

Rationing is effective March 2 and will govern the sale of the 340,000 new automobiles made available for distribution this year.

The office of price administration directed that local rationing boards require an applicant to prove his need for a new car in the light of conditions peculiar to his community, and officials predicted that, with less than 10 per cent of last year's automobile production available for sale during the next 12 months, "many persons on the eligible list will not be able to get a new car."

Under the "local conditions" tests, OPA pointed out, in some communities a local ration board might decide that the needs of defense workers who must travel long distances at odd hours to reach their jobs outweighed the requirements of some other class of eligibles.

On the other hand, in densely populated sections with adequate transportation, a local board might rank most other classes ahead of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Friday's Weather

Weather forecast withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. Max. temperature Friday, 46, min., 34. Rainfall, .12 inches.

US Ships Shortage Slows Aid

Sub Losses Said Small; Building Seen Inadequate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—A shortage of ships was reported Saturday to be the principal obstacle to delivering much needed war supplies to the far-away battlefronts of the United Nations.

War materials, crated and ready to be stowed away in cargo holds were said to be piling up on the wharves.

Of course, the obstacle was expected to be only a temporary one, since the American ship building program is actually just swinging into full tilt, and production is scheduled to reach a rate of two launchings a day soon.

Appearing recently before a senate appropriations subcommittee, Admiral Emory S. Land, in charge of the ship building program, reportedly said that every effort was being made to avoid shortages of ship-building materials and prevent the labor disputes which in the past have impeded construction. Later he told reporters that the "rate of construction is not enough."

The subcommittee has been considering a \$32,070,901,000 army-navy supply bill which includes \$3,852,600,000 in appropriations and authorizations for the shipbuilding program.

In spite of increased activity by enemy submarines, losses due to enemy action were said to be relatively small. An important factor in the shortage was said to be the long distance to be covered in carrying cargoes to the far Pacific battle area.

Sumner Welles, the acting secretary of state, said Saturday the hemisphere defense board would soon take under consideration the question of conveying ships running between North and South America. It could be taken for granted, he said, that practical measures for protecting such shipping would be worked out in the near future.

His statement was evoked by the recent sinking of two Brazilian ships by axis submarines. Such enemy operations in the Caribbean and Atlantic, he said, were further evidence of the axis plan of world conquest. He agreed, he said, with Foreign Minister Padilla of Mexico that such attacks "give a spectacular reply to those who doubt that the continent is in danger."

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Feb. 21—(AP)—Thirty-nine members of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Queen Lands Defenders

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—(AP)—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, in a broadcast Saturday night to her people, praised the defenders of the Dutch East Indies for "their spirit of daring and perseverance, their many feats of heroism."

US, Dutch Warships, Warplanes Taking Terrific Toll of Japanese Invasion Fleet; Resistance of Filipino Citizens Growing

Bataan Chief Using Cavite Naval Guns

Bay Forts Battered By Jap Artillery; Land Action Lulls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Japanese invaders of the Philippines are meeting with growing resistance from civilians, it was reported Saturday in communications which disclosed also that Gen. Douglas MacArthur has the use of some four-inch naval guns in his defense of Bataan peninsula.

The war department said MacArthur advised that "civilian resistance to the Japanese is growing in intensity and is becoming increasingly effective."

His dispatch cited as examples: "Many informers have mysteriously disappeared... a secret society known as the 'FFF' or 'Fighters for Freedom' has been formed to foster civilian resistance..."

This resistance, MacArthur said, was fostered by the Filipinos' "confidence in ultimate victory and hope that the Japanese soon may be expelled from the islands."

The report was taken here to mean that Emilio Aguinaldo, the aging, one-time leader of the Philippine insurrection, had little influence among his people. Recently Aguinaldo called for a surrender of the Philippines to the invaders, a pro- (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

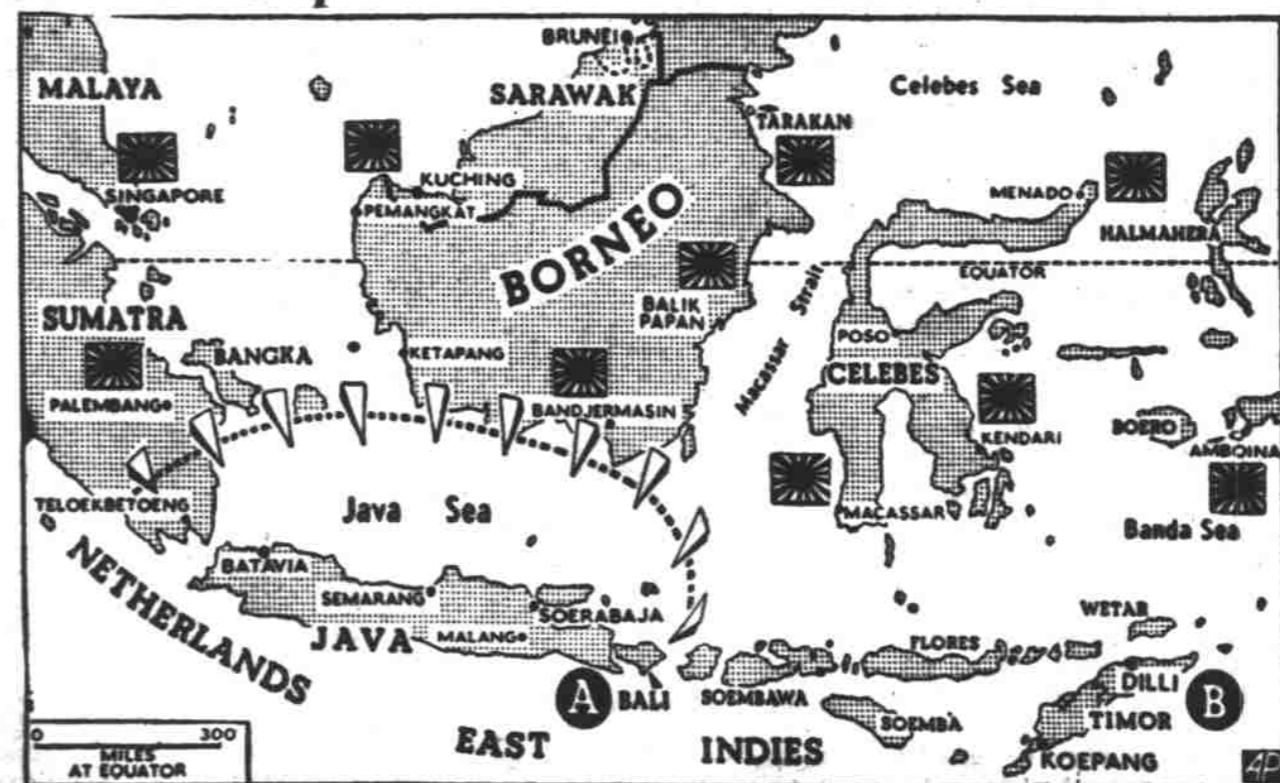
Press, Radio Key Men May Be Deferred

"We consider the press and the radio to be playing a very vital part in the national welfare program," Col. Elmer V. Wooton, Oregon selective service director, declared Saturday in commenting on a report that Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, national director, had announced that news and radio men could be deferred by local boards.

"That is right along the line we have been following here," Col. Wooton said. "Anyone who is in a key spot on a newspaper or in a radio station—not replaceable immediately, may be deferred."

Colonel Wooton has not received any new instructions relating to Hershey's announcement.

How Japs Have Encircled Java Prize



Japanese landings on the island of Bali (A) again shortened the radius of the semi-circle of the attack moving southeastward against Java from various bases (flag symbols). Tokyo also reported landings on Bali (B) near Dili and Keopang, but one of the great sea battles of the war is being fought in the Java sea with reports of US and Dutch victories.

Retread Bids Start Monday

County Ration Board to Receive Applications; Classifications Named

Marion county local ration boards have been notified that on or after Monday, February 23, they may receive applications for retreading and recapping of tires, although no passenger car tires are to be so treated until March 2.

Whether there will be available in this area by March 2 sufficient comeback to meet demands and to serve those qualified and certified has not been revealed, ration board members said Saturday night. Camback is the rubber foundation used in recapping and retreading.

Classifications of passenger cars entitled to retreading and recapping of tires are listed as follows: (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Yankees Try British Guns

WITH THE AEF IN NORTHERN IRELAND, Feb. 21—(AP) United States artillerymen began range firing after a full day on a cold, bleak north Ireland mountainside dropping high explosive shells over the heather-tufted ridge.

The Yankees, who have been studying British field guns, pronounced the famed English 25-pounder superior to their own weapon.

Cantonment At Medford Camp White

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP) Names chosen for new training camps included that of Camp White, at Medford, Ore., the army announced Saturday.

The name honors Major General George A. White, late commander of the 41st division. He was prominent in Oregon and Utah national guard activities.

Mahoney to Back McNary For Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP) Willis Mahoney of Portland, Ore., democratic senatorial nominee in Oregon in 1936 and 1938, said in a statement here Saturday he would not be a candidate this year and would support Senator McNary (R-Ore) minority leader of the senate for reelection.

Mahoney said he was convinced "that opposition under the leadership of Senator McNary will be of the wholesome type that goes with vigor and independence but foregoes petty partisanship."

"While I believe that Senator McNary will be a constructive critic of this administration," he continued, "I believe that his criticism will be helpful and above personalities. I believe that democracy as a practical form of government is being (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Yankees Rule Burma Skies

Japs Fail to Crack British Positions On River Sector

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 21—(AP) Japanese bombers raided the town of Besein behind the defenders of Burma Saturday, but American and British fliers blasted Japanese positions and supply columns along the critical Billin river front and apparently still ruled the air over Burma.

For four days, Japanese forces have attempted to crack the British positions along the Billin without apparent success. There were indications that furious fighting was in progress along the southern front, but no signs of new withdrawals by the defending troops.

Bassein, a railroad town at the mouth of the Irrawaddy river, west of Rangoon, has port facilities, which apparently were the object of the Japanese attack. The Irrawaddy is navigable for steamers (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Army to Use 25 Planes From Commercial Lines

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP) Commercial Airlines, it was announced Saturday, have agreed to turn over 25 transport planes to the army.

The war department said care was taken to ask planes only from lines and routes where removal of equipment would cause the least possible disruption in air travel important to the war effort.

Vast Offensive By Allies Hits Powerful Blow

Flying Fortresses Smash Jap Planes; Dutch Ships Active

BATAVIA, NEI, Feb. 21 (AP)—American and Dutch warships and warplanes, on the offensive in what promises to be their most powerful joint effort so far, are smashing Japanese invasion fleets off the eastern and western ends of Java.

So vast and overlapping were the air and sea blows in defense of this island stronghold of the United Nations that an accurate accounting of the successes already scored was impossible, but at least one cruiser was blown up, two destroyers sunk and several other warships damaged.

Although successive communications here and in Washington Saturday told of at least 18 separate bombs, torpedo or cannon blows on Japanese ships it was probable that several of the ships had figured in more than one of the attacks.

In addition to the cruiser blown up, two cruisers and two destroyers certainly were damaged in a naval battle Friday night off Bali, at the eastern end of Java, when (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Four-County Meeting Set At Corvallis

The four-county cantonment council has been called on to meet at Corvallis at 6 o'clock Wednesday night to consider a budget and a revised plan of allocating costs of its activities, W. H. Crawford, executive secretary of the Oregon economic council, reported here Saturday.

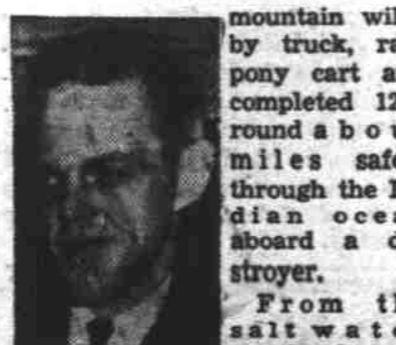
The budget, agreed by the executive committee to be withheld until Wednesday's meeting, and the new cost plan were worked out Friday.

Counties' losses in assessed valuation on lands taken over for the Salem-Albany army cantonment will be taken into consideration in the new scheme of pro-rating costs of the council's cooperative program.

AP War Writer Reports Thrilling Saga Of Singapore Escape

C. Yates McDaniel, Associated Press correspondent and last American reporter to leave Singapore before its fall, has arrived safely in Batavia after a series of breath-taking experiences. He tells his story in this dispatch, the first direct word from him since he fled his last cable from Singapore. Born of American parents at Sochow, China, 35 years ago, and educated at the Universities of Richmond and North Carolina, McDaniel has been under fire on numerous occasions in China.

By C. YATES MCDANIEL
BATAVIA, NEI, Feb. 20—(Delayed)—I escaped from doomed Singapore February 13 aboard the last vessel to leave the battered and burning fortress and reached Batavia during an air raid alarm this morning. In my seven and one-half day journey I abandoned a bombed ship, was cast up on an uninhabited island, made my way through a storm in a small launch to Sumatra, crossed that island's



C. Yates McDaniel

mountain wilds by truck, rail, pony cart and completed 1200 round a bout miles safely through the Indian ocean aboard a destroyer.

From the salt water soaked pulp which is all that is left of my journal I will attempt to piece together my story, which in a larger sense is the story of the last days of Singapore—of the few who succeeded and many more who failed to escape the deadly and efficient fury of the final Japanese onslaught on Britain's last stronghold in southern Asia.

The officers gave no order to abandon ship, but within 10 minutes a lifeboat was lowered. Before it hit the water, 15 sailors tumbled in and pulled off, too terrified to heed the officers' shouts to come back.

After looking over the damage, the captain ordered the other two lifeboats put overboard. We put Miss Lim, the only woman passenger, in one. The rest of us remained on board hoping that I least one of the leaky boats would be able to reach the nearest island five miles away and return before we had to swim for it. The captain said he believed we might have another two hours, but the fire in the coal bunker was spreading and the list was getting worse.

Propped against a coil of rope, I tried to continue my journal, but was forced to drop the job twice to answer the call, "All hands to fight fire," as just one of 44 men aboard the burning and fast settling ship.

We got the fires under control but Japanese planes came over again and again. One was so low I saw the bomb swing on the wing rack but he didn't drop it. I helped hoist the life rafts overboard but the rotten bamboo lashing broke and the rusty tanks sank.

We were about ready to swim for it when one of our lifeboats returned. Thirty-six of us, including the captain and all but one officer climbed in. Six men volunteered to remain aboard for the next trip as our boat was leaking badly and we were crammed in like sardines. After an hour of hailing, rowing and sailing, we touched ground on a coral reef.

We waded ashore on the little island of Bangka.

Fifty-five men and one plucky girl piled exhausted and soaked, with their legs bleeding from coral cuts, into a launch licensed to carry 15.

If the night on the island was miserable, the one aboard the launch was indescribable. Waves rolled over the deck where we were sprawled wet and shivering but we were still hoping we'd make Sumatra before dawn brought Japanese bombers. Daybreak found us approaching the mouth of the river up which we worked until late afternoon. No one was quite certain where we were except somewhere in Sumatra. Late that afternoon we got a big thrill when, rounding a (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

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