

The Inside
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Soviet Pressure For Norse Front Given Support

Second Solid Line Linking Allies Said Needed to Lick Hitler; Jap Plot Predicted

LONDON, March 7—(AP)—Soviet pressure for a second front in northern Europe which might swiftly link British, United States and Russian troops on a solid line was increasing in London Saturday night, with considerable Anglo-American support.

The soviet argument, heard now wherever Russians, British and Americans meet, is that Hitler can be beaten by autumn provided there is bold use of his own "divide and conquer" strategy against him, and that once he is disposed of, Japanese will be considerably less formidable to the United Nations.

Then, it is argued, United States and British naval forces would be free from Atlantic tasks for concerted action in the Pacific.

The Russians are encouraged to believe that establishment of a second front is not far off by the arrival of increasing United States forces in the United Kingdom.

They talk freely of northern Norway, where the coastline is difficult to guard and the country ideal for infiltration tactics practiced by Japan in the Pacific campaign.

An Anglo-American drive across the top of Norway, which is almost contiguous with soviet territory, could result in establishment of a common U.S.-British-soviet frontier and protect the northern supply route via Murmansk and Archangel, it is contended. It also would free some Russian troops now in the far north for stronger offensive action on the central and southern fronts.

The Russians want such a front combined with increased British and American bombing attacks on Germany to hamper the reich's war industry and snarl German rail lines so that Hitler will find it difficult to move armies east to protect weak points.

Despite the continued successes of the red army winter campaign, the Russians contend they should not carry on alone indefinitely.

There are many people in Britain who feel the same way as the Russians. Sir Stafford Cripps has been urging greater coordination with the soviet war effort. The important Times Saturday expressed concern over Russian anxiety about inadequate supplies from the west and alleged post-war intentions and urged closer tri-polar political collaboration.

It said Russia "asks for more than material supplies; . . . claims the right, which London and Washington (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Four Soldiers Die in Fire

Wyoming Men Caught as Temporary Barracks At Corvallis Burn

CORVALLIS, March 7—(AP)—Four soldiers from Wyoming died Saturday as flames swept through a two-story frame structure recently converted into a temporary army barracks.

Seven others were burned, one severely.

Investigating officers said men on the second floor escaped unharmed while those on the first floor were caught as the fire raced through the room.

An overheated stove was advanced as the cause and an investigation was launched to determine whether faulty combustion might have filled the room with gas before the fire broke out shortly before reveille.

The commanding officer listed the dead as: First Sgt. Harry H. Boles, Douglas, Wyo.; Sgt. Elmore J. Howell, Newcastle, Wyo.; Cpl. John W. Williams, Douglas, Wyo.; and Pvt. Vernon H. Kilian, Rock Springs, Wyo.

Pvt. Wallace A. Wright, Kemmerer, Wyo., was seriously burned.

Investigating officers said they believed the victims might have been overcome by gas or by the first puff of flame from the stove, as exits remained clear for several minutes.

FBI Nabs More Aliens

SEATTLE, March 7—(AP)—The arrest of 30 Japanese aliens who possessed 100 Nazi swastika lapel pins was announced Saturday night by H. B. Fletcher of the federal bureau of investigation here.

The Brazilian government, which has given all guarantees to the diplomats and functionaries of countries with which it has ceased diplomatic relations and has assured them all liberties, in accordance with its traditions of hospitality, finds itself forced against its will to give the ambassador and functionaries of Japan in Brazil treatment equivalent to that which Brazilian diplomats are (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Dutch Anxious As Java Is Silent Anzacs Cheered By US Convoys

Last Hope Of Stand Given Up

Isle Defenders Overpowered by Invading Force

LONDON, March 7—(AP)—Anxious Dutch circles in London waited in vain Saturday night for further word of the desperate fighting for their last strongholds in the beleaguered 622-mile long island, word which they hoped could be sent from small secret transmitting stations elsewhere in Java.

But these stations, just powerful enough to be heard in Australia and designed for use only when all other means of communication had failed, also were silent.

"We don't know whether they are operating," said one Dutch source. "It's a terrible business."

The silence suggested that the headlong advance of overpowering Japanese forces, free to work their will in the air and on the sea, had overrun not only Bandung but other strongholds as well.

Pounded by a Japanese air force against which "Dutchmen can no longer put up sufficient resistance," the defenders of the beautiful glens of volcanic Mount Tangkoeban Prahoe, 10 miles north of Bandung, finally gave way on Friday, said a final dispatch of Aneta, the Dutch news agency.

As a result, the dispatch said, the situation on the whole western end of the island, which had been reckoned as the best defended, was admittedly critical after only seven days of the invasion.

This dispatch was timed at 10 a.m. (6:20 p.m. Friday, PWT) and was about 13 hours in transmission, and the interruption of further communication suggested that perhaps Dutch hopes of making a MacArthur-like stand amid the high hills of west central Java have been completely dashed.

The complete dispatch follows: "Bandung, March 7, 10 a.m. Java time—Delayed—Japanese troops have broken through Bandung's northern defenses, and the Japanese are now in the city. The breach occurred Friday in the lines on the northern side of the famous volcano of Tangkoeban Prahoe.

"The defenses here constituted the first line of Bandung's mountain defenses to the north.

"The Japanese break-through took place in the face of fierce resistance on the part of the far numerically inferior Netherlands Indies troops.

"The defenders were constantly harassed by the Japanese air force, against which, it was stated, Dutchmen can no longer put up sufficient resistance.

"The Japanese were described as again attacking with great superiority.

"The action took place in an (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Friday's Weather

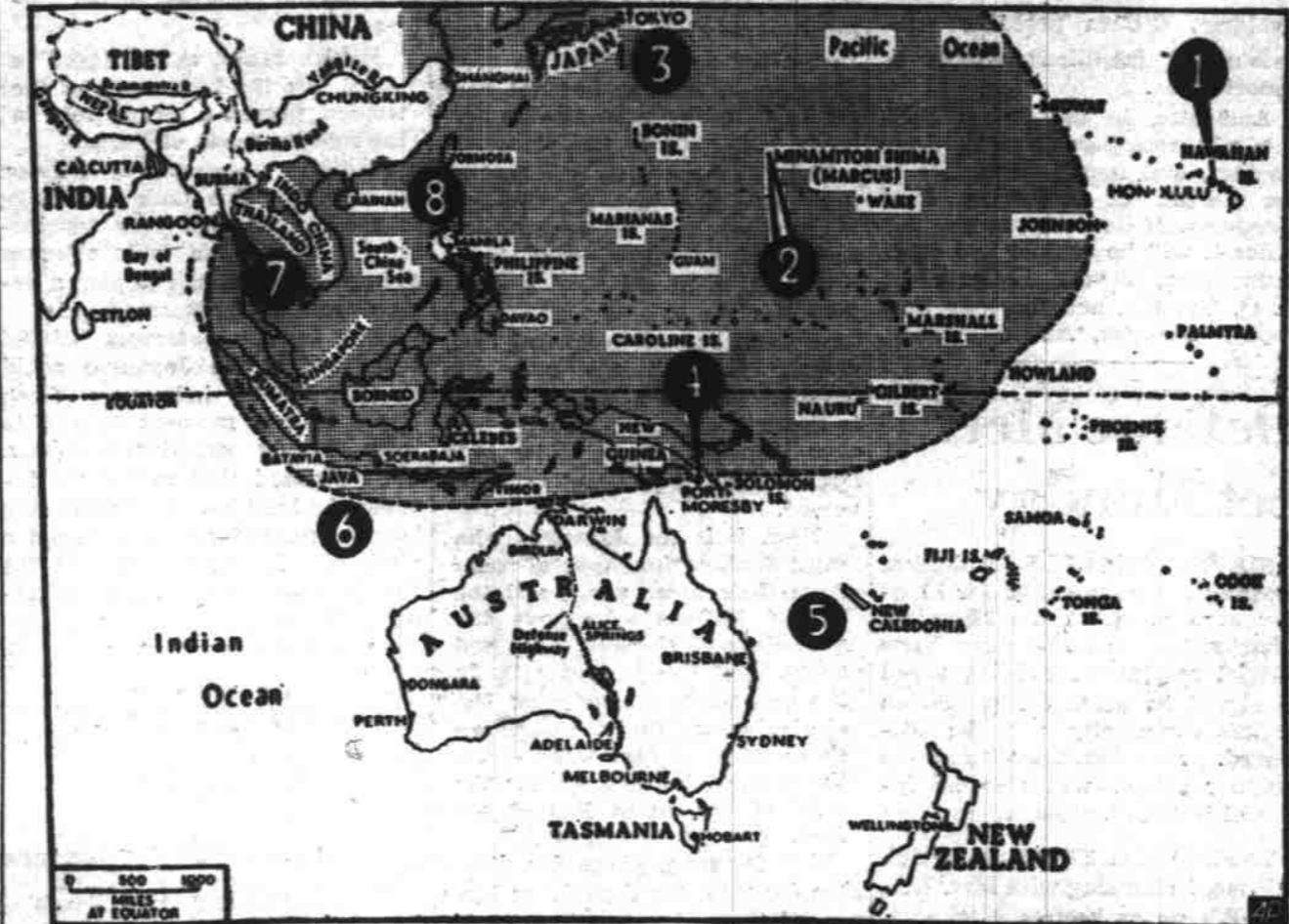
Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River, Saturday 1.5 feet. Max. temperature Friday, 53, min. 35.

Brazil Gets Tough With Jap Envoys

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 7—(AP)—The Brazilian government announced Saturday night that its embassy in Japan has been occupied by military police, its ambassador held incommunicado and its "functionaries treated like prisoners of war," and that accordingly it was taking "similar measures in retaliation against Japanese diplomats in Brazil.

An official government statement said: "The Brazilian government, which has given all guarantees to the diplomats and functionaries of countries with which it has ceased diplomatic relations and has assured them all liberties, in accordance with its traditions of hospitality, finds itself forced against its will to give the ambassador and functionaries of Japan in Brazil treatment equivalent to that which Brazilian diplomats are (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Battle Line in Great Pacific Struggle



Shaded area bounded by broken line indicates roughly the area now dominated by Japanese in their Pacific thrusts. Overthrow of Java defenses brought Nippon's battlefield to Australia's shores. Hawaii had its first bombing since the attack on Pearl Harbor when four bombs were loosed over Honolulu (1). Tokyo admitted 30 planes attacked Minamitori Shima (2), an island about 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo (3) which itself had an air alert. Japanese planes bombed Fort Moresby (4) again. Free French authorities announced that the United States was aiding in defense of French Pacific colonies such as New Caledonia (5). The Dutch are abandoning their East Indies colonies for the West Indies as the doom of Java (6) neared. Japanese also advanced in Burma (7); MacArthur's men furnished a new bright spot in the Philippines (8) as they sank enemy shipping and continue to hold out on Bataan.

Alarms Sound At Honolulu

Air Raid Warning Lasts 67 Minutes; Radios off; No Enemy Planes Spotted

HONOLULU, March 7—(AP)—Honolulu, scene of Japan's first attack against the United States, underwent a 67-minute air raid alarm Saturday but no hostile planes appeared.

Radios were ordered off the air this morning when army detectors heard "unidentified elements at sea" and half an hour later the sirens screamed their warning.

Civilians rushed to air raid shelters while the few soldiers and sailors on the streets hurried to their posts.

"A 67-minute air raid alarm for the Hawaiian Islands ended at 11:27," the army said in a cryptic announcement. "The alarm sounded at 10:20 after defense units detected the approach of unidentified elements at sea.

Previously radio stations in Hawaii were ordered off the air as a precautionary measure at 9:45 a. m." (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Service Club Asks Removal Of Japanese

Immediate action in removal of all enemy aliens and Japanese from the Pacific slope and the help of the commander of western defenses, Sen. Charles L. McNary and Rep. James Mott in seeing that such a program is carried out are requested in a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Salem Kiwanis club.

Danger of "fifth column" activities, crimes already committed in connection with national defense and the necessity of internment enemy aliens for the duration are given as reasons for the club action, according to T. Harold Tomlinson, club secretary.

Wife of National Red Cross Chairman Dies

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 7—(AP)—Mrs. Norman H. Davis, 64, wife of the chairman of the American Red Cross, died tonight at her home. Her husband and members of the family, including eight children, were at the bedside.

Noted Artist Succumbs

NEW YORK, March 7—(AP)—Tony Sarg, 59, world famous creator of marionette shows, died Saturday night in Manhattan hospital.

Truck-Trailer Rationing to Start Soon

PORTLAND, March 7—(AP)—Application forms and instructions for obtaining new trucks and trailers under the rationing program will be in the hands of Oregon dealers early this week, the motor carrier division of the interstate commerce commission said Saturday.

The order freezing truck and trailer stocks will be lifted Monday and the ICC's motor carrier division will be in charge of rationing.

Applicants for trucks and trailers will be required to fill out blanks, obtainable at dealers. The application then must be submitted to allocation offices in Portland, Seattle and Spokane.

Eight Naval Fliers Lost

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 7—(AP)—A naval aviator landed his plane at the Douglas airport Saturday night and said eight others of a flying group were missing.

The flier, who declined to give his name, said he left the others at or near Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, about 50 miles southwest of here, after the pilots went off their course. He would give no other information.

Allied Nations Expected To Take Offensive Soon

Opening of Fourth Month of Pacific Conflict Sees Nippon Successes but Deployment Increases Vulnerability

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—The fourth month of the Pacific war opened Saturday with the news still grimly bad and the United Nations still desperately on the defensive, but with indications that the day of attack may be drawing near.

In three months of fighting, the Japanese have overrun the southwestern Pacific, and southeastern Asia. Gen. MacArthur still clings to his peninsula tip in the Philippines. The Dutch, overwhelmed, have abandoned hope of retaining more than an isolated area in Java. The British have lost Malaya and Singapore. They have been forced out of a vital section of Burma. The Burma road has been cut.

The master of this vast area, Japan now is expected to carry its attack to the northern shore of Australia, to deprive the allies of bases from which the counterattack may be initiated. And sweeping on through Burma, she may attempt to invade India, as part of a master axis plan which includes a simultaneous drive into that country from the Near East.

The news of the actual fighting is all bad, but it is relieved by the fact that among the United Nations there seems to be growing a new spirit of attack, implemented by an ever growing air force, army and navy, and by the constantly increasing production of American factories and shipyards.

There is no comfort for the Japanese in the word just received from the mid-Pacific of an snor— (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Civilian Radio Production to Stop in April

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—The government Saturday prohibited manufacture of radios and phonographs after April 22 for civilian use, and set in motion a program calling for conversion of the entire radio industry to war production before mid-summer.

No move was made, however, to freeze retail stocks and the war production board said radio sales would continue on a "first come, first served" basis until available supplies were exhausted. They estimated that the industry's curtailed 1942 output would total about 3,000,000 sets.

Meantime, in another action with direct effect on the public, Price Administrator Leon Henderson ordered prices of mechanical refrigerators restored to February 2 levels. He said there had been inflationary and unfair increases since Feb. 14 when plans for eventual rationing of refrigerators were announced.

The radio order affects 55 companies which reported a total of about \$240,000,000 last year. They employ about 30,000 workers.

Late Sports

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 7—(AP)—The San Francisco Seals played impressive baseball in leading the Portland Beavers 15 to 5 in their first exhibition game this season before 2,000 in San Jose's new municipal ball park Saturday night.

SAN FERNANDO, Calif., March 7—(AP)—Seattle beat Hollywood 6 to 5 in an exhibition baseball game Saturday. The Beavers opened with three runs in the second inning on singles by Lynn King and Dick Gyselman and doubles by Bill Beard of Salem and Floyd Berens.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7—(AP)—Bradford's Clothiers of Portland won the Oregon AAU basketball championship Saturday night, defeating Signal Oil of Portland, 45-34.

Four Die, 45 Hurt When Trains Crash

GRANBY, Mo., March 7—(AP)—Six persons were killed and at least 45 injured Saturday night in a head-on collision of two Frisco trains on a trestle near the Granby depot.

Of the dead four were soldiers riding on a special train. The other two were crew members on the crack Will Rogers, en route from Oklahoma City to St. Louis.

Twenty-five passengers of the Will Rogers were reported injured, several seriously. At least 20 soldiers on the special also were injured.

A special train was dispatched immediately from Springfield, Mo., 50 miles away, to take the dead and injured to Springfield hospitals.

Injured soldiers were to be taken to the army hospital at Springfield, where Col. George B. Foster, Jr., commandant, made preparations to receive a "large number."

Names of the dead soldiers were not made public immediately by army officials.

The locomotives met at considerable speed but both remained upright.

Most of the dead and injured soldiers were riding in a coach, the third car back of the locomotive. It telescoped into the baggage car ahead, pinning the victims inside. Torches were necessary to cut the bodies from the wreckage.

Frisco officials said a mixup in signals was responsible for the accident.

The Will Rogers contained several cars.

One baggage car toppled off the trestle into a dry creek bed about 10 feet below. The second car, a passenger, overturned and the third car left the rails but remained upright.

Lieut. Robert Fendleton, in charge of the soldier contingent, said a roll call of his men showed only the four dead and 20 injured.

Granby, a town of 1,400, is on the southwestern corner of Missouri, about 25 miles southeast of Joplin.