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Despite fresh victories announced by Tokyo at Rangoon and in Java, there are strong indications that Japan is shifting at least temporarily to a defensive role in the Pacific.

By US Army

Safety of Evacuees'

Property, Crops to Be

Arranged by Agency

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to discuss how to meet the ex-

The Japanese group, represent-

General D&Witt said that

Japanese living in the barred

zones were still being encour-

aged to work out their own ar-

rangements for resettling in-

land, and that many were do-

ing this-just how many he did

He repeated earlier warnings

that Japanese who plow under

growing crops would be arrested

"Destruction of growing food-

stuffs is outright sabotage and

will be dealt with accordingly,'

US Subs Bag

Nippon Supply Lines

Slashed At as Yanks

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some of the four vessels listed as damaged were actually sunk, but

even though they were not they

will be out of action for three

months or more, naval experts

The destroyer leader was de-

scribed as an oversize destroyer

which would normally head a

flotilla of destroyers. It probably

was a vessel of more than 2 000

tons. Size of the tanker was esti-

mated at 12,000 to 14,000 tons, or

possibly more. None of the other

ships was sufficiently identified

to make estimates of size pos-

these six raised to 138 the total

of Japanese vessels of all types

sunk to date by American

armed forces in the Pacific.

Many of these have been attrib-

uted to United States subma-

rines. In combat vessels the

Japanese now are reported to

Shortly after issuing its com-

munique on submarine activity,

the navy issued for the marine

corps an account of the sinking of

a Japanese cruiser December 11

and a submarine December 12 by

the enemy.

marine aviators at Wake island

Major Henry T. Elrod of

Thomasville, Ga., and Captain

Frank Cunningham Tharin of

the Wake marines destroyed. Sec-

sumed prisoners of the Japanese

Dairy Route

Saving Time

A war-saving delivery system

By dividing the entire route

now covered daily into two sec-tions, each of which will be

miles on each day's delivery.

Principal problem in conducting the new delivery schedule will

declared.

It was considered possible that

Bring Toll to 138

and prosecuted as saboteurs.

the general declared.

ing 10 states, has pledged full co-

pected evacuation problem.

may issue.

not know.

The battle of communication lines is already on with American forces apparently moving to the attack. How, when and where that attack will come must be of greater concern to Tokyo at this Japs Assured critical moment than planning new major aggressions against In- Of Protection

That an American attack is brewing cannot be doubted in the light of recent operations of US naval forces among Japanese island outposts far west of Hawaii. It was somewhere west of the Gilbert islands that an American task force engaged a force of Japanese bombers and virtually annihilated it.

While Nipponese seizure of new bases on the east coast of New Guinea, within close bombing range of the Australian mainland, hints at an attempted full scale invasion, it also suggests a defensive purpose.

New Guinea is the southern flank of the Japanese eastern chain of island bases, developed in Delth, to guard her 4000-mile long supply routes down the China sea. American forces must travel twice that far from the west coast ports either to reinforce and supply defenders of Australia or New Zealand, or to slash at Japcommunications in

The fall of Rangoon and Java was clearly foreshadowed. Both have been written off as lost in revised allied war plans since the premature fall of Singapore undermined them.

What is important is whether Japan now turns to an attempt to consolidate her victories by defensive measures, or toward expansion of her attack against either Australia or India, or both simultaneously.

The first impression is that she is endeavoring to stiffen the defenses of her eastern sea flank against expected American attacks on her communication lines, deferring further advances at least temporarily.

A curious note in the Tokyo announcement of the capture of Rangoon bears out that conclusion. It said the "main objective" of Japanese operations in Burma had now been achieved. The Burma road has been completely cut

If that means a Japanese halt in Burma, forces released with the final mopping-up in Java will be available for use against Australia or to man island bases in the Philippines, the Dutch Indies, New Guinea and far out eastward into the Pacific to foil American

Garden Value Stressed at Salem Meet

Principles of making gardens valuable were stressed Monday night as approximately 40 persons attended the first of a series of meetings on gardens, sponsored by the Salem Victory Garden committee and the Salem Prof. A. G. B. Bouquet, vegeta-

ble crop specialist at Oregon State Washington, DC, were credited college, said value of gardens is with sinking the cruiser, one of in the quickness of food production and the variety of foods possible. He declared there is little ond Lieut, David Donald Kliewer use of trying to garden without of Wheaton, Ill., got the submareasonably good land and serious rine. All three men are now preintent and on a large enough scope to be worthwhile, not wasteful.

Miss Edith Schryver, chairman of the committee, spoke of the importance of preserving home beauties, not plowing up lawns for gardens, and W. G. Nibler, assistant county agent, described the county victory garden pro-

Next session is set for next Monday night at Salem high

Evacuation in Oregon Only If Invaded

tion in Oregon except in event of enemy invasion, Gov. Charles A. Sprague declared here Monday.

The governor said civilians would be expected to remain at home through ordinary token bombing raids but added that it makers regularly return empties. he bombings became heavy and requent, arrangements would be made for the evacuation of in-

Coordinator Said Needed

Sees Communities in Accord on Problems

(Continued from page 1) which he knew could solve their problems.

Gov. Charles A. Sprague in introducing the major, said the army officer had the job of building in six months a city equal in population to Salem, which had been 102 years in the building. The major supplemented this later by saying the camp would house 33,-000 men, would have a building area six miles long and two miles with with 1741 buildings including five theatres and 22 mess halls large enough to feed 1000 men at a time; hospital facilities, a water filter plant, three reservoirs and a sewage disposal plant. The camp will accommodate 5000 more men than the one near Medford.

The recreation problem was one which the speaker stressed. saying the army boys were decent, healthy-minded young fellows and "no moral problem" but that they "will raise hell if you don't give them something to do" in the way of athletic recreation, dances and enter-

Major Des Islet related briefly the history of the army engineering corps, mentioning that operation in any orders the army George Washington had started it and that other notable members were Gens. Meade and Robert E. Lee and in this generation, Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

> L. H. Hoffman, who built Salem's new high school and other large structures here, may, with two associates, be among the men to construct the Albany-Corvallis cantonment, according to the Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland.

The Journal reported Monday that it was understood Hoffman, W. C. Smith, Inc., Portland, and Howard S. Wright company. Seattle, were the successful bidders, as a group, on the hospital buildings for the cantonment, which centers at Wells in Benten county.

Others considered likely to handle other units of the big project, the Journal said, included Strong & MacDonald, Inc., Tacoma firm, two units, and Moore & Roberts, San Francisco, another unit.

Transportation of workers to and from the Albany-Corvallis cantonment, whose construction will soon be in full swing, is the most serious immediate problem faced by surrounding communities, B. E. Edwards, field adviser to the national defense housing coordinator, warned businessmen from Marion, Yamhill, Polk Benton counties who met here Monday at the invitation of the Salem Retail Trade bureau.

Edwards pointed out that the question of how much housing is available to accommodate the 8000 workmen due on the cantonment job before summer hinged on availability of transportation between the site and towns and cities in which living facilities could be provided for the men and their families. Proposals that school busses be utilized, old Oregon Electric railway coaches resurrected and hop camps opened to the work-

nessmen representatives. Two bus lines now hold permits to serve Salem, Pres. Carl W. Hogg of the local chamber of commerce reported, but he said, the question is what facilities before that tiny outpost fell to they have."

men were made by various busi-

A detailed study of transportation and trailer camp problems is now being made by Fred A. Cuthbert, planning consultant of the Oregon Economic council, and the state public utilities department, W. H. Crawford, exseven enemy war vessels which ecutive secretary of the council, told the group.

> No final denial of a federallybuilt USO building for Salem has been made, Don T. Orput, Oregon recreational representative of the federal security agency, said here Monday.

"In fact, neither has final approval been given for USO buildings at Albany or Corvallis," Orput added.

Orput advised city officials and civic leaders to look at the problem of providing recreation for soldiers as a citywide activfor his dairy route goes into ef-fect Wednesday, Gus Schlicker of ity rather than one centered in fect Wednesday, Gus Schlicker of the Foshay dairy announced Mon-United Service Organizations would maintain if the structure were provided.

served every-other-day, Schlicker plans to save between 12 and 15 Sprague Headquarters Open in Salem Monday

> Gov. Charles A. Sprague Monday opened his Willamette valley mpaign headquarters in the nator hotel building here. The adquarters are in charge of Irl McSherry, until recently employ-ed in the state parole offices. Gov. Sprague's state headquar-ters are in Portland.

miltee.

Any general evacuation will be offer areas within the state.

This policy was agreed upon at recent conference of regional offerials and the state evacuation would be marked normalities, Governor Sprague said. He warned against spreading baseless rumors. Ross McIntyre, Portland, is plainly.

Dean Morse Goes to DC

EUGENE, March 9-(P)-Wayne ing conditions," the general said Monday, "to permit practice or test blackouts in any community throughout the western theatre of operations, and it is desired that none be permitted."

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State Fair Manager to Report Japs Complete On Probable Attendance at All Cantonment Engineer Shows This Year-US Orders

Lieutenant General John L. De-Witt, San Francisco, commanding general of the western defense area, advised Gov. Charles A. Sprague Monday that restrictions will be imposed next summer and fall on the attendance at all large public gatherings.

Candidate

ROY J. RICE

Roy J. Rice of route three, Sa-

since 1927, Monday became first

nomination as county commission-

Jim E. Smith, incumbent, has

civic affairs. He is a past director

of the county's non-high school

board, past president of the Fed-

erated Community clubs, past Po-

mona master of the grange and

for the last eight years has been

chairman of the Marion county

Born at Rainier, Oregon, he

moved with his parents when he

was three years old to Hillsboro,

where he resided until a few years

"If nominated and elected.

serve to the best of my ability

with courteous and square treat-

Final Bataan

Drive Hinted

Top Jap General Sent

WASHINGTON, March 9-(AP)

Frustrated Japan hinted Monday

at a forthcoming supreme effort to

wipe out resistance in the Philip-

pines by assigning her most suc-

cessful army commander to lead

the forces opposing Gen. Douglas

Lieut. Gen. Tomoyuki Ya-

mashita, conqueror of Malaya

and Singapore, was made com-

mander-in-chief of the invasion

forces, succeeding Lieut, Gen.

Masaharu Homma who is re-

ported to have committed hara-

kira because of chagrin over his

failure to erush MacArthur's

The shift of command, reported

by the war department, inclined

military observers to the belief

that enemy forces released by the

subjection of Java would soon be

used to reinforce the more than

200,000 Japanese troops already

During the last 24 hours,

ommunique said fighting was at

complete standstill on the Ba-

taan peninsula front, but broke

out in a new sector of the islands.

Some 600 miles south of Ba-

taan, in the vicinity of Digos

on the Mindanae Island Gulf of

Davao, brisk skirmishes oc-

curred. The gulf and its princi-

pal port city of Davao were ec-cupied early in the invasion and

made a springboard for the southward drive through The

Dispatch of a New Japane

commander-in-chief to the Philip-pines gave added substance to

the "persistent reports" relayed. Sunday that General Homms had

ended his life some two weeks ago because of his failure to van-

quish a foe possessing only a frac-tion of the Japanese numerical

ength. Dwindling one my activity

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since then also gave credence to the report. Rites for Homma, MacArthur said, were believed held in Manila on February 26, the very day of the surprise ad-vance made by the American-Filipino forces on Bataan which neited a territorial gain of five

Netherlands Indies.

massed in the Philippines.

little army.

To Face MacArthur;

Ex-Chief Suicides

er, post he sought in 1940.

Monday.

farm board.

Marion county."

Rice Files

For County

Court Post

The governor directed Leo Spitzbart, manager of the state fair, to obtain information on all contemplated fairs, shows and other celebrations throughout the

Belief that permission might be gained to stage the 1942 state fair here, somewhat curtalled as to program, was expressed by the governor. All inquiries relative to pro-

posed large public gatherings should be sent to Spitzbart. Gen. DeWitt said that any approval of any public gathering might be withdrawn at any time, and that no approval will be given more than three months in advance. Any approval will be given on the understanding that the enemy situation will grow no

In areas where blackouts are probable, such events will be imited to daylight operation. Plans for proposed large pub-

lic gatherings west of the Cascades, where such gatherings have an estimated attendance of more than 5000, must be submitted to Maj. Gen. Kenyon A. Joyce, commanding general, northwestern sector, Ft. Lewis, In all locations west of the

Cascades where the estimated attendance is less than 5000, and where the location is not on a main arterial highway or within three miles of a defense industry nor a military installation, provisional approval will be given provided there is sufficient policing.

In the case of large public gatherings east of the Cascades, approval must be obtained if such gatherings are on a main arterial highway.

Streamlining Strikes Navy

King Assumes New Post As Chief of All Naval Operations in Conflict

(Continued from Page 1) Stark was responsible for keeping the fleet in condition for any emergency and for longrange planning. Now all these

functions are combined under one man. The high command shakeup was announced by Secretary of the Navy Knox in a formal release disclosing creation of the position of "commander, US naval forces operating in European waters' and the assignment of Admiral Stark to that command.

Relief of Stark, 61, and the delegation of the powers to King. 63, was promptly interpreted by naval authorities as a streamlining process comparable to that by which the war department recently was reorganized.

As part of this streamlining process, the war department Monday appointed a more youthful general staff, reduced to a fifth of its former size. Giving new emphasis to aviation. the department named an air force officer, Major General Joseph T. McNarney, as deputy chief of staff, second only to General Marshall, who remains

There was speculation that some more extensive reorganization of the navy department might be expected in connection with a special staff to administer King's duties as chief of naval operations. This staff, Knox announced will be headed by Rear Admiral F. J. Horne, 62, who was Stark's assistant chief of naval operations King's chief of staff as fleet commander will continue to be Rear Admiral Russel Willson, 58.

A further reorganization, authoritative persons predicted, undoubtedly will give even greater prominence and power to naval aviation than is now possessed by the bureau of aeronautics. King himself qualified years ago as the few high ranking officers to hold that qualification. Throughout the 1930's he was in some sort of aeronautical command.

Army Repeats Blackout Ban In West Area

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9-(P) Test blackouts still are forbidden by the army in the western theatre of operations, which includes California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada and

Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, com nding general of the western sically a statement he made last December 9 that any black-out in the area he commands would be the real thing.

Java Conquest

Australia or India Both Expect Raids; Defenses Prepared

(Continued from Page 1) enveloping movement that left the defenders threatened at their rear and west, hard pressed on the east and flanked on the north.

Moreover, Akyab and Bassein, the only surviving ports giv-ing water communication to India now that Rangoon has had to be written off, were endang-

The one Pacific theatre to relieve the general allied gloom was Luzon in the Philippines.

On the Russian front, the day's main action was that west of Moscow where the soviet recapture of Sychevka appeared to be about to knock out the major German forward position at Rhzev, the northern anchor of the nazi line running southward via Vyazma to Bryansk.

Save for a narrow corridor opening to the southwest, Rzhev was

In the more northern area of Staraya Russa, about 150 miles below Leningrad, the Germans were using strong aerial squadrons in an effort to break the encirclement of the German 16th army, but the Russians were said to be attacking with great and still rising power in their efforts to annihilate that large force. At all events, the day saw the

creeping peril come closer to two great sub-continents-India on the invader's right and Australia on his left.

em, resident of Marion county So far as his actions spoke, the enemy indicated that his more imcandidate to file for republican mediate major smash would be at Australia, for Japanese bombers assaulted and damaged military not yet determined whether to facilities at Port Moresby on New become a candidate, he declared Guinea, the island that already had been invaded in an area only 400 Member of the grange, Masonic miles above the Australian mainand Eastern Star orders, Rice also land. has been active in Marion county

taken by an Anglo-Saxon country, ard. the Australian government assumed power to denude the countryside at the approach of the invader-to burn and destroy anything and everything, whether publicly or privately owned, that might give him aid.

The Netherlands exile government in London issued a categoric statement that any arrangements ago when he came to Marion Japan were "out of the question," toward cessation of hostilities with

"No communication exists be-Rice declared Monday, "I will tween the Netherlands government and the Netherlands East Indies. The enemy is therefore ment at all times. I will cooperate free to circulate any stories with other members of the court which he may think useful. to insure harmonious, efficient "The actual military position conduct of matters pertaining to

> military commanders, including those having to operate singly, have been instructed to fight to the last. They have freedom of action where resistance would no longer serve any useful purpose. "Whatever the outcome of the military operations in the Neth-

erlands East Indies, the powers of the Netherlands authorities. whether military or civil, do not extend beyond arrangements regarding cessation of local military operations." Arriving by airplane in Austral-

a with 14 other Netherland of- States." He expressed confidence ficials, Lieutenant Governor-Gen- that they would "do everything enal Hubertus Van Mook an- they can to help our great comnounced: "Our people are battling on

with the resources they have "We are here to carry on the

fight and not to sit and mope. "There-is no use hiding the fact that there is bitterness in some places in Java," he went on, "but our people understand the difficulties of getting things moved. "American ships and Austral-

ian troops did their best and there is no doubt about their quality, but it was a case of too little and too late." He estimated the Japanese

forces in Java at e'ght divisionsfrom 120,000 to 160,000 men-or 'many more than we had."

Tanker Crew Safe in Cuba HAVANA, March 9-(A)-Thirty

nine crew members of the torcoa in northeastern Cube, dis-patches from there said Monday They were brought ashore in a

up shortly after their vessel was torpedoed and shelled by a sub-marine approximately 20 miles off Cape Maisl at the eastern tip of he island, the reports said.

HENT I Y WEDING WOMAN"

Sugar Ration **Books Arrive**

County Clerk Harlan Judd Monday received 89,000 sugar rationing cards which later will be turned over to Mrs. Agnes C. Booth, county school superintendent, for distribution in the various school districts.

The actual distribution of the cards is in charge of the teachers

FDR Tells of Price Fight

Declares Inflation Halt Vital to US; Wallace Speaks

(Continued from Page 1) the extent of their own work but do not always know what the others are doing and that situation "gives an opportunity to the enemy to spread malicious words." "Labor, said the evil whisper,

is sabotaging the war program with strikes and slowdowns and demands for higher wages. Business, it says, is gouging the country with unconscionable profits And the farmer, according to this treacherous voice, is using the war to grab all he can." But, the president said, al-

though there are "instances where a few businessmen or a few workers or a few farmers are demanding and getting more than they ought," in general the increases had been kept fairly well in balance. "It seems to me," he said, "that

we ought to feel proud of the undoubted fact that we are getting cooperation and a reasonably fair balance among 90 per cent of our population, and that if less than 10 per cent of the population is chiseling we still have a pretty good national record." Speaking on the same program

with the president were Vice President Wallace, who was secretary of agriculture when the farm programs were started, and Secretary of Agriculture Wick-

tance in the war effort of stocks accumulated under the evernormal granary program, and Wickard said they had made it possible to send Britain 1,200,lend-lease in the period between last spring and last February 1. "Without those foods," Wickard

declared, "it is unlikely that Britain could have withstood the battering which she has received at the hands of the enemy. The American farmer stands on the front line in some of our most strategic battle areas." Wallace declared the ever nor-

mal granary program would enable tens of millions of people in on the islands is not known. The this country to "have enough to eat during the years of war." Asserting that it was all-important from a future standpoint to maintain the farm program in good repute, he continued:

"We must not at any time give those interests which have always been against agriculture the opportunity to say that the farmers are a selfish pressure group, taking advantage of the war to get more than they are entitled to."

The farmers, he said, were "as patriotic and unselfish as any group of people in the United mander-in-chief bear his burdens most effectively in order to safeguard the future of us all."

If the majority of the farmers lean over backward to avoid "undue pressure on the nation in time of trouble," he said, "we shall be just that much more likely to have a soundly functioning farm program when the war is over."

Winant Says **British Want** An Offensive WASHINGTON, March 9.-(A)

John G. Winant, American am-bassador to England, declared Tokyo's claims to the capture Monday after a two-hour conferof 98,000 allied troops would, if ence with President Roosevelt confirmed, represent a greater loss in men even than in the Singapore Pacific had only increased the determination of the British people, and that these people would like to see an offensive under way, Winant, back from London for the first time since the United States went to war, predicted that the Churchill government would remain in power, despite criticism levelled at the prime minister. sedoed Standard Oil tanker Na- The British trust Churchill, he nead arrived at the Port of Bara- said, and Churchill trusts the British people.



were seized has never been dis-If seized before the armistice, they undoubtedly would be classed by the Germans as usable spoils of war; if not, they would come under the armistice terms immobilizing the French fleet. In January, 1940, the last time official reports were available on French naval building, it was announced that 126 warships of all classes were under construction. GRAND

Germans Given

French Ships

Russ Claim Building

Warships and Subs

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ship Dunkerque after repairs s

The Germans claimed fust

before the French armistice that

they had seized as prizes of war-

the incomplete French battle-

ships Richelieu and Clemenceau

This report later proved untrue

as far as the Richelieu was con-

cerned, that vessel having es-

caped to Dakar. It probably was

correct on the Clemenceau, which

was not near enough completion

The Vichy government an-

nounced on February 21 that the

Dunkerque, crippled by the Brit-

ish at Oran in July, 1940, had

reached Toulon under her own

The Jean Bat and Gascogne,

sister battleships of the Rich-elieu and Clemenceau, wore

under construction at St. Na-

saire when France fell. Whether

they were destroyed or also

Toulon."

to be moved.

Handed to Hitler

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