

U.S.-Dutch Fleets Fighting Battle of Java

20 Lose Lives When U-Boat Sinks Tanker

Torpedoed Ship Becomes Inferno of Burning Oil Off Florida Coast

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 21 (AP)—The sinking of the tanker Pan Massachusetts off the Atlantic coast Thursday afternoon by an enemy submarine was announced by the navy today after the landing here of 18 survivors. They told a harrowing story of their escape and the death of 20 fellow crewmen in an inferno of burning oil.

18 Survivors Picked Up

The survivors were picked up by a ship which Captain Christie said was about five miles back when the Pan Massachusetts was torpedoed. He declared the men on the rescue ship came to their assistance despite the danger of also being torpedoed, "launched boats and saved all who were alive—that is bravery."

Portugal Files Timor Protest

Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 21 (AP)—Premier Antonio Oliveira de Salazar told the national assembly today that Portugal already had entered an "energetic protest" to Tokyo against Japanese occupation of the southwest Pacific island of Timor, jointly the territory of Portugal and the Netherlands.

Men in Service May Sell 1942 Vehicles

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—The State Rationing Administrator's office Friday received instructions from Washington to put into effect immediately an order permitting men in military service to sell 1942 model cars.

Swastikas Seen On Bombers in Darwin Raid

Civilians Evacuated from Australian Port But City Still Held

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 21 (AP)—German swastikas were observed on enemy planes attacking Bathurst island, 50 miles north of Darwin, an Australian royal air force communique revealed today as the Darwin defense zone girded for new aerial assaults, if not an invasion attempt.

19 Persons Killed

A revised government list showed 19 persons instead of 15 were killed in Thursday's raids on Darwin. Only eight were service men; at least nine were women.

Worker's Wife to Christen Ship

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Worker sponsored liberty ship launchings will be inaugurated tomorrow at the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation when Mrs. John J. Spady—wife of a steamfitter—christens the S. S. James Wilson.

Hanged Russian Girl Heroine of Soviet

Moscow, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya, 18, tall, shapely, dark-eyed guerilla who stood on a German gallows and exhorted her countrymen to smite and burn the nazis until they were exterminated, was proclaimed a hero of the Soviet union posthumously today.

Norwegian Tanker Sunk Off Curacao

Willemstad, Curacao Dutch West Indies, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—The Norwegian tanker Kongsaggard was torpedoed today off Curacao.

7 Ships Flash SOS Signals

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Chilean naval radio stations reported today they had heard distress calls from seven ships, three of them American, within the last 24 hours, apparently appealing for aid against German submarine attacks.

Marital Law In Uruguay

Montevideo, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Alfredo Baldomir kept a firm grip on the Uruguayan government today in an interior political squabble which resulted in dissolution of congress, cancellation of scheduled national elections March 29 and placed an army of 17,000 men in control of the country.

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Rationing Boosts Motor Traffic

Who said tire and auto rationing had cut motor traffic in Oregon? These facts dispute such an assertion: Gasoline tax collections last month slightly exceeded those for January, 1941, incomplete returns at the secretary of state's office indicated today.

Red Army Drives Ahead on All Battle Fronts

Tremendous Nazi Losses Claimed—Berlin Claims Russians Defeated

Moscow, Feb. 21 (AP)—The red army reported today relentless advances on the northwestern, western and southwestern fronts with the liberation of further towns and villages and "extermination" of thousands of Germans. The reports, however, adhered to the policy of not mentioning specific places, pending the issuance of a special roundup communique.

Washington Defense Area

Olympia, Feb. 21 (AP)—Washington state was declared a protective defense area today by Governor Langlie who ordered all Japanese to immediately surrender to the state patrol all firearms, ammunition, explosives or other instruments which might be used to destroy property or life.

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Seek New Route To Cantonment

Would Extend South River-Kings Valley Highway—Want Salem District Declared Defense Area—Bus Line Asks Franchise to Operate

Extensive plans for road construction and transportation between Salem and the Corvallis cantonment, and the possibility of having the Salem district declared a defense area so that priorities on required construction materials can be obtained, are being discussed here today by a special joint committee of the Salem Realty board and the Retail Trade Bureau.

Bilin River Line Held by British

London, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Imperial troops on the Bilin river front in Burma kept their main positions intact by constantly counter-attacking and repulsed Japanese attempts to cross mouth of the river, a headquarters communique from Rangoon said today.

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Dive Bombers Participate in Battle of Bali

16 Fighting Planes Serve As Escort—Artillery Battle at Bataan

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18 Jap Ships Sunk in Great Sea-Air Battle

First Allied Naval Offensives in Dutch Indies in Progress 3 Days

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Arms Sent to Latin America

Brazil Protests Sinking of Ships

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 21 (AP)—Brazil has protested to Germany over the sinking of two Brazilian ships by Nazi U-boats. It was learned today, and the cabinet has been called to meet tonight to consider what action will be taken if Germany fails to reply or answers "unsatisfactorily."

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