

Uncle Sam Does Right Well In First Week of War, But It's Long Pull That Counts

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For a man with a dagger in his back our Uncle Sam has done right well to arrive at the second week of combat with the Sons of the Shoguns without suffering further serious hurts.

The fact that we are holding our own—and better—under extremely trying conditions, pending the arrival of reinforcements in the Far East, is a matter of satisfaction from the military standpoint.

The enemy today continued to blast at Manila, heart of the Philippines, from the air, but bombing in itself won't give the Japanese possession of our great naval base in these strategic islands. They must land troops in sufficient numbers to overcome our defense, and the heavy toll of transports we have taken during the first week—at least four sunk and five badly damaged—is far from encouraging to the Nipponese.

It really is surprising that the Japs haven't been able to capitalize the great advantage they gained by back-alley tactics at Hawaii. They started out as though they were going places, and it is a reproach to their efficiency that they haven't been able to do so thus far.

However, the war is young and my comment is on what has happened and isn't meant to suggest that we haven't a big job on our hands, for we have. A great deal must hinge on whether we are able to save the Philippines and the British can protect Singapore. As previously indicated in this column, the American-British team could work together from Singapore even if the Philippines went by the board, but the loss of both these bases would be a nasty blow, to employ a euphemistic expression. Singapore is threatened, but is in no immediate danger.

On at least one point the United States and Japan appear to be in accord—that this new conflict is likely to be a long one. President Roosevelt has said that "it will not only be a long war, it will be a hard war." A Japanese spokesman has warned his people that they must be prepared to carry on the conflict for 10 years.

Whatever may be the length of time required to reach a decision of the world conflict, of which the battle of the Pacific is only a phase, all previous calculations have to be reviewed in the light of Japan's entrance. Japan, like her chief colleagues of the axis—Germany and Italy—belongs to the have-not nations. There lies the answer to the ultimate outcome of the war.

The axis powers have only a fraction of the resources possessed by the allies. The length of the struggle must depend on whether the allies can keep the enemy from breaking through to fresh resources and on how fast we can develop military production.

The way things stand, the main burden of production must fall on the United States. Ipso facto, the faster our factories work, the shorter the war.

Developments in the European theater generally have been favorable to the allies. As you will see from the dispatches in your newspapers if the Hitlerites can't check the avalanche which is sweeping over them, the bolsheviks may succeed in their avowed determination to exterminate every German soldier on red soil.

Army-Navy Contest Cancelled By Navy

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Pensacola naval air station command today cancelled the scheduled appearance of its team in the Army-Navy Sugar Bowl service championship of the south game announced here for January 3.

The Pensacola "Eilers," undefeated and untied in eight games, were to play the champion of the third army representing 13 states.

Janitor Association to Give All Efforts Toward Winning War

Southern Oregon Janitors Association met in Rogue River Saturday with President Jack Casper of Medford presiding.

A resolution was passed unanimously that members individually and collectively volunteer to do all in their power to aid our government in the national crisis; each janitor to be on call at all hours at his respective school during black-out periods, etc., as each school is to be a first aid station.

It was called to the attention of the association that on an average each janitor is responsible for property estimated worth \$50,000.

Guy Davis of Medford, president of the Oregon State Janitors' association, reported on progress of the association at the meeting in Eugene Nov. 29. Next meeting of the Southern association will be at Talent Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2 p. m.

GIRLS' GYM CLASS IN DEMONSTRATION THURSDAY EVENING

As a part of its annual program the Girls' League of senior high school will present the girls' physical education classes in a demonstration Thursday in the boys' gymnasium at the high school. The program begins at 7:45 p. m. and will feature more than 250 girls in numbers representing an American barn dance. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

Miss Sue Mosberger and Mrs. Betty Parrish have organized and prepared the girls for the demonstration. Master of ceremonies will be Don Shanahan. The program includes: Dive for the Oyster, Money Musk, Hired Man, Portland Fancy, Jarobe Topatio, Soldiers' Joy, Daisy Daisy, Buffalo Boy Goes Round, Schottische, Chase the Squirrel, Ole Man Dance, Minuet, Norwegian Mountain March and Scarecrow Dance.

During the intermission the dances will include Celito Lindo, Geanina Mia and Oloha Oe. The last group will be: Goddesses, La Conga, Oh, Susanna, Bastees, Waltz, Black Nagg, Cowboy Swing, Pop Goes the Weasel, Rhumba, Yankee Doodle, Virginia Reel, Tango, Ladies Cross Over and Finale.

NAVY WINGS TO ETTINGERS' SON

R. L. Ettinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ettinger of 824 West 12th street, received his wings in U. S. naval aviation Friday at Pensacola, Fla., his parents said today they had been informed.

In a telephone call to his parents, Ettinger said he would come home soon on a 22-day furlough. After the furlough he expects to go to Honolulu, he said. He related that Jim Henry, son of Mrs. and the late R. J. Henry, planned to meet his mother in New York December 20 for a furlough visit. The two youths entered naval aviation training last May and after a month's study at Sand Point, Wash., went to the Pensacola base. Henry's residence was Sunnycliff orchard.

Ettinger's younger brother, Bob, left for Seattle last night to take a final qualifying medical examination for naval aviation.

CIO Jurisdictional Strikes Postponed

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—(AP)—There will be no more jurisdictional strikes here, the California state CIO executive board has decreed.

Harry Bridges, west coast CIO leader, said at a board meeting: "Our grievances are against Hitler and fascism. The task now is to work for complete labor unity."

MUSIC PROGRAM.
Gold Hill, Dec. 15.—(Spl.)—A musical program was presented Sunday evening in the Methodist church, in charge of the recently formed choral society. The program included several numbers of the choral group, a violin solo by Miss Beatrice Wirth, solo by Dennis McGuire, harmonica selection by Garland Lance, solo by Mrs. Norman Gail, trumpet duet by boys musical readings, under direction of Mrs. Opal Mooter, and singing by the audience.

ASSESSOR CITES MANY CHANGES IN TAXING TOURINES

County Assessor C. A. Myers in a statement to taxpayers today, notes several changes in the assessment laws made by the last legislature, as compared with the old assessment laws, as they effect every taxpayer.

The statement is as follows: "Under the old law the assessment date was March 1. The first payment of taxes on this assessment was due the 15th of the following March.

"Budgets for the various taxing districts, except schools, were made for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, of the year in which the tax was collected.

"The schools for a number of years have been on a fiscal year basis, from the 3rd Monday in June to the same day the following year, were in most cases not affected by this new law.

"In changing the date of the beginning of the fiscal year from January 1 to July 1, the state, county, and cities will only levy a half-year tax. Most school districts already being on a fiscal year basis, practically, from July 1 to June 30 of the following year, will levy for a full year.

"While a few of the districts have reduced their levies, others have voted an increase that will more than offset the reduction in the county levy. This tax will be payable one-half March 15, 1942, and one-half June 15, 1942, with a discount of one per cent if paid in full by March 15.

"The new law changes the assessment date from March 1, to January 1, beginning with 1942 with the first payment of taxes on this assessment November 15, 1942, with a discount of 3 per cent if paid at this date, other payments will be due February 15, May 15, and August 15 of the following year.

"This law also provides for each taxpayer to make out their own personal tax return and either mail or bring it to the assessor's office before March 1. The necessary blanks for this return with instructions for filling out the same will be mailed to all personal tax payers about January 1."

YOUTH RETURNED TO FACE TRIAL

Harley E. Goodrich, 16, charged with the robbery ten days ago of the Medford Domestic Laundry, and two Riverside avenue service stations, was returned by Sheriff Syd I. Brown from Sacramento yesterday, where he was arrested. The youth is held in the county jail awaiting disposal of the local charges.

According to the authorities he has admitted the crimes. Goodrich, they further say, is an escapee from the Washington State Reform school at Chelan, and is wanted there for auto theft.

Gold Hill Residents On Besieged Islands

Gold Hill, Dec. 15.—(Spl.)—Among local residents having relatives in the service who are on the besieged islands are Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hancock, whose son, Jack, is at Wake island. Earl Courtney, son of Mrs. Amy Martin, was on the West Virginia, reported to have been sunk in Pearl Harbor.

Earl Tucker, whose three sons are residing here, is on Wake island. Zane Becker, son of Abe Becker of this city, is at Gaum, while another son of Mr. Becker, Pat Becker, is with the navy somewhere in the South seas. No word has yet been received from these men since the trouble began.

UCLANS Depart For Tilt With Florida

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Bound for Jacksonville and a game with the University of Florida next Saturday, the University of California at Los Angeles football team departed yesterday with this assertion by Gene Alder, senior center: "We're going to pull a blackout on those Florida football players—they won't find our goal line."

KILLED IN ACTION
Salem, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Two Marion county men are the first known Oregon casualties in the war in the Pacific. The war departments notified relatives that Chief Petty Officer Alfred Ojiver Quesseth, 27, Salem, and Ensign Eugene T. Sanders, 41, Brooks, were killed in action on their ships.

FULLER PROMOTED
Fort Lewis, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Horace H. Fuller, commander of the 41st division, was promoted today to the rank of major general. General Fuller took command of the 41st several weeks ago to fill the place left vacant by the recent death of Maj. Gen. George A. White, National Guard commander.

Chrome Producers of Region to Hold Meeting in Yreka

Grants Pass, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Chrome producers and potential producers in southern Oregon and northern California were called to meet today in Yreka, Calif., again to seek government acceptance of domestic chrome, a strategic and critical mineral. Miners have objected that metals reserve company restrictions are too great and that they cannot change the nature of the domestic supply.

Almost the entire supply of United States chromite has been from foreign lands. War in the Pacific is expected to hamper shipments from the Philippines and the Antipodes just as the Atlantic war has limited shipments from Turkey and other lands to the east.

SOCE Pre-Scheduling Now for Winter Term

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Dec. 15.—(Spl.)—Pre-scheduling for the winter quarter started today at SOCE. Students are urged to complete their pre-registration prior to the opening of the term. Students enrolling at the college for the first time will experience no difficulty as beginning classes are being offered. This term for the first time, the college is offering a secretarial science course.

J. C. LOAN ASSN. PAYS DIVIDEND OF 4 PER CENT

Another semi-annual dividend was declared by directors of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association at their regular December meeting, A. P. Butler, secretary of the association, announced today. The dividend was declared at the annual rate of four per cent for the period July 1 to December 31, and will be distributed to shareholders on January 1. Out of a total dividend of over \$19,000 about \$14,000 will be represented in cash and the balance credited to savings investments.

The association has completed the best year in its history, Mr. Butler stated, having increased its assets to over the million mark and made 224 loans on residential and other properties totaling over \$304,000, a large part of which was used to construct new dwellings. Directors of the association are C. M. Kidd, president; John C. Mann, William J. Warner, H. J. Field, vice-presidents; R. E. Green, treasurer; Glenn O. Taylor, and A. P. Butler, secretary. Attorneys for the association are O. H. Bengtson and Mr. Taylor, who maintain offices in the association's building.

The office staff is composed of Earl Bigalow, assistant secretary; Josephine Cline, Loleta Phelan and Florence Foster.

NO SOAP BOX DERBY
Akron, O., Dec. 15.—(AP)—No soap box derby will be held in 1942 because of the war, it was announced today. The derby, in which youths guide gravity-propelled cars, has been an annual feature here, drawing entries from all parts of the United States and Canada.

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