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Kelly's Comment
From Washington
Northwest To Give Manpower
Plane Building Capacity Short
West To Have More Air Bases

By John W. Kelly
Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Within a year thousands of young men will be taken into the army from the two northwest states; into the army and into the aviation service. In 18 months the United States plans on having 10 million men in the armed forces, seven million of whom will be in a mechanized army, 1,100,000 in the navy and 2,000,000 in the army air force. These soldiers, sailors and aviators from the northwest will be scattered all over the Pacific, from continental America to continental Asia. The big job is to train these men and have them in fighting trim in the summer of 1943.

This man power is only one contribution the northwest will be called upon to give. Authorization has been granted by congress to increase the navy 35 per cent and this means that the Bremerton navy yard and the private yards on Puget sound and the Columbia river will be deluged with orders. The merchant marine is to be doubled; twice as many freighters as are now on the ways and on order. Federal maritime commission will have to amend its policy of not establishing new yards if the increased merchant fleet is to be expedited.

PLANS call for 1,000 heavy bombers a month, not to mention interceptors and training planes. The amount of aluminum for this order will require a revision of the current estimate of 1,600,000,000 pounds a year. It is probable that the present and now under construction plants to produce aluminum ingots will have to be expanded in the northwest if it is to furnish its share of the light metal. The

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Christmas Business New Record For P.O.

Medford postoffice is experiencing the largest Christmas business in its history, Postmaster Frank DeSouza said today.

Trains are running late and planes are operating on irregular schedules but a tremendous volume of parcels and Christmas correspondence is being handled at the postoffice, Mr. DeSouza said. He added that the sale of national defense savings stamps has been immense.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press (Time is Pacific Standard)
To foster the \$50,000,000 war fund campaign of the Red Cross, the Christmas Eve broadcasts are being replaced with a special program. Eddie Cantor and his troupe will form the backbone of the program, which is being augmented by Ezra Stone's Aldrich Family, Fibber McGee and Molly and others. The speaker is to be Mayor F. H. LaGuardia.

Tonight, Talks—MBS 5:15 Keith Morgan on "Bill of Rights"; NBC-Blue 6 Radio Forum.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Jack Boyd spending part of his lunch hour hovering over the typewriter to watch the war news come in.

Dock Eddie Durno hungrily making a second advance upon dispensers of good things to eat at the Elks Xmas tree party.

Army Sarge Joe Cushman stepping across the hall to josh Navy Chief Jack Carpenter during a brief lull in recruiting activities.

DEFENDERS GIVE BROWN INVADERS WARM RECEPTION

Hand-to-Hand and Tank Combat Strews Dead on Beaches—80 Ships Used

Manila, Dec. 22.—(5:05 p. m., 12:05 a. m. PST)—(AP)—Hard-fighting American and Filipino soldiers are more than holding their own against a swarm of thousands of Japanese soldiers unloaded from 80 transports off the Lingayen gateway to Manila, it was announced officially today.

"At one point Japanese destroyers and transports were driven off by our heavy guns and that landing was prevented," said the communique. "Our troops are behaving well."

Tanks Used
The far eastern command declared tanks were being used in the heavy and bloody fighting along a stretch of sheltered coastline some 100 miles northwest of the Philippine capital. The Americans long have anticipated the Japanese would attempt a major landing there and were waiting for it.

While the fighting went on unabated on the shore, a spokesman at the far eastern command headquarters said rumors were heard of the sinking of Japanese transports in Lingayen gulf. He added, however, that the rumors had not been verified and that there had been no new advice from the northern front.

It was announced officially that at one point the Japanese attempted to land forces from the transports under the guns of destroyers but they were driven off by heavy guns of the U. S. far eastern army and a landing in that sector was prevented.

A spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the U. S. army in the far east, in giving supplemental advice to this correspondent remarked "I have good news for you."

He said the American and Filipino forces engaged in the crashing battle were "behaving well."

Whether the Japanese succeeded in bringing ashore heavy equipment was not known either.

There are two possible routes from Lingayen to Manila. A principal railroad and highway network runs down the interior directly between the two cities and is flanked on each side by rugged mountains.

(An alternate route is a coastal highway from Lingayen around the northern tip of mountains in the western Luzon and thence down the shore to Manila.)

The far eastern command earlier had reported that the Japanese at Vigan, 200 miles north of Manila and up the western coast from Lingayen and Agoo, were thrusting southward.

(This action apparently had been timed to form a junction with the troops landing today.)

While the action off Lingayen was developing (and perhaps in concert with it) Japanese planes raided Manila twice today.

Most of the bombs fell harmlessly in the harbor.

5 IN BOMBER DIE IN CRASH, BLAZE

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 22.—(AP)—An army official today blamed apparent engine failure for the crash of a B-26 bomber which killed the crew of five men.

Col. J. H. Houghton, commander of the Jackson air base, said the plane had taken off yesterday from the air base, made a turn and apparently was attempting to get back to the airport when it crashed, exploded and burned.

The dead were listed as:
First Lieut. John E. Doer, formerly of Orchard Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Lieut. Claude A. Knight, Ocala, Fla.
Second Lieut. Robert A. Saner, Fremont, O.
Second Lieut. Leslie M. Shimeil, Chicago, Ill.
Staff Sgt. Harold A. Wissinger, Indiana, Pa.

Lingayen Gulf Jap Objective



The Japanese launched their heaviest attack today on the Philippine islands, a heavy fleet of transports bringing between 80,000 and 100,000 men for an attempted landing mainly in the vicinity of Agoo on the innermost shore of Lingayen Gulf on the Island of Luzon.

Strict Censorship Decried for War Operations in Northwest

Fort Lewis, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Military officials at Fort Lewis designated the eight western states and Alaska as a "theater of operations" and especially asked the press and radio of Oregon and Washington to join in a strict program for safeguarding military information.

Maj. Gen. Kenyon A. Joyce, commander of the 9th army corps, directed that all "military news, photographs, and other media of information in this sector (Oregon and Washington) be approved by military intelligence at Fort Lewis."

The following regulations of the censorship were set down:
"No photograph shall be published which in any manner, directly or indirectly, reveal the identity of military units, the location of units, the strength or armament of units. The names of soldiers should not be used without specific approval of proper authorities.

"No news shall be disseminated which directly or indirectly reveals the movements of troops to, from or within the theater, or which discloses such information as is referred to in the paragraph immediately below.

"Nothing shall be published, or broadcast, concerning the troops who are in defensive positions along the Pacific coast, defending either against possible attacks or sabotage. This includes location of bivouacs, reference to numbers of troops, (disclosure of works of areas being protected)."

HONGKONG HEROES CONTINUE TO HOLD

London, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Japanese were "being held" at Hongkong up to late afternoon Sunday despite furious assaults, the colonial office said today.

The brief announcement was based on a message from Sir Mark Young, governor of Hongkong, which was issued in the embattled island at 5:30 p. m. Sunday, Hongkong time (1:30 a. m., Sunday, PST).

The colonial office said its information was based on excerpts from this communique which said "the enemy has been very active all day" but "is being held."

With all the resistance that weary British empire soldiers can put up against overwhelming odds, however, no hope was held here that the crown colony could be saved.

Sub Attack Survivors Land Safe in Eureka; More Vessels Shelled

HITLER ASSUMES CHARGE OF ARMY; LEADERS OUSTED

Defeat in Russia, Possible Rift Between Army and Party Possible Cause.

By the Associated Press Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 22.—Field Marshal General Walther von Brauchitsch, who led the German armies victoriously through France, across the Balkans and into Russia, was tumbled from a hero's pedestal today by Adolf Hitler's momentous decision to assume personal command of his legions.

The fuhrer's stroke, taken at an hour when he himself declared Germany's battle was fast approaching its "culminating and turning point," created a sensation when it was disclosed last night in dispatches from Berlin.

Observers in this neutral capital, seeking an explanation for a move which they believed must have not only profound causes but vital consequences, saw these possibilities:

1. That the German reverses in Russia—which Berlin has discounted as a strategic withdrawal to winter holding positions—actually are so serious that Hitler has lost faith in his army command.
2. That a serious rift has developed between German army leaders and Nazi party chiefs, leading to a question of strategy.
3. That the whole maneuver is a feint—a piece of Nazi trickery designed to distract the attention of Germany's enemies from some new move now in the process of making, such as an invasion of England, an attack upon Turkey or a thrust through Spain toward Gibraltar.

The Stockholm correspondent of the Swiss newspaper National Zeitung quoted German newspapers as saying Hitler probably would entrust actual army command to his two intimates, General Alfred Jodl and Col. Gen. Franz Halder. Jodl, an artilleryman, has been a sort of personal advisor to the fuhrer on military matters. Halder has been chief of the general staff of the army. It was thought Hitler would not be able personally to carry out the command of the army because of his other duties.

Rilea Sworn In As Adjutant General

Salem, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Thomas Rilea was sworn in as Oregon's adjutant general today and Governor Charles A. Sprague immediately granted him a leave of absence to permit him to retain command of the 41st division's 82d brigade at Fort Lewis.

Rilea succeeds the late Maj. Gen. George A. White.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS DRAFT EXPANSION

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today the bill enlarging the selective service plan while the senate heard demands that all recruiting be halted and that the nation rely entirely upon the draft to build up a war machine of 6,000,000 men or more.

Under the new law, all men of 18 through 64 must register and all from 20 through 44 are liable for active military service.

The senate later approved legislation to increase the authorized enlisted strength of the navy from 300,000 to 500,000 and to raise the limit on the marine corps from 60,000 to 104,000 men. The measure now goes to the house.

Secretary of War Stimson already has announced that the army will stop accepting volunteers as soon as there is a falling off in the patriotic rush prompted by declarations of war against the axis powers.

ARMORY OFFICE IS REOPENED BY CAPT. T. W. BEAN

Constructing Quartermaster Unable to Give Out Information on Cantonment

Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster for Medford and vicinity, today reopened an office in the armory here.

The office here, which had been working on revision of drawings of phases of the proposed Beagle-Antelope army cantonment, was transferred December 4 to the zone constructing quartermaster's office in San Francisco. The office had been conducted here, along with the architect-engineer's office, since early last May.

Lieut. Byron E. Doll, who had been on Capt. Bean's staff and was transferred when the Medford office was moved to San Francisco, is expected to rejoin the captain here Wednesday. Some of the civilians on Capt. Bean's staff here will be re-employed.

Silent On Plans

Capt. Bean said that aside from confirming the report that the office would be reopened here he could give out no information. All information about the proposed cantonment henceforth, he stated, would have to be cleared through the Portland office of the corps of engineers because of the necessity of guarding military secrets.

Since the office here was closed December 4, all construction work carried on by the quartermaster corps has been transferred to the corps of engineers. Capt. Bean himself has been transferred to the engineers. Both the divisional and district offices of the corps of engineers for this area are in Portland.

Accompanied by his wife, Capt. Bean arrived here last night. The couple will occupy the same home as before, 24 Highland Drive.

SELECTEE NAMES UNDER PRESS BAN

All local boards have been ordered not to release to the press any lists of men called for induction because publication of such lists would give military information to the enemy, according to word received from state selective service headquarters.

Quotas of selectees are to leave here in January but under the new ruling no information about them will be given out.

County Defense Council Instructions for Public

The Jackson County Council of Defense today issued the following special bulletin:

"By order of Lieut.-Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding officer of the fourth army, transmitted through Brig.-Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, head of the second interceptor command, all Neon signs, flood lights, advertising display lights, window lights, theatre lights and markers, roadside signs, must be extinguished by Monday night, December 22. Permission to turn these lights back on must be obtained from either city police, state police, or the sheriff's office who will grant this permission only after satisfactory evidence has been shown that these lights have been equipped with switches so that they can be extinguished within 60 seconds.

"Where no attendant is on duty who can turn switches off within 60 seconds, lights must be extinguished before leaving place of business. Call your local police officials for an inspection and do not turn on lights until the inspection has been made and a permit issued. All switches must be installed where they are accessible."

War Bulletins

Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 22.—(AP)—An enemy submarine fired a torpedo at the Standard Oil tanker H. M. Story this morning off Point Arguello, 45 miles north of Santa Barbara, the Coast Guard announced. The tanker was not hit, however.

Ocean City, Md., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Loud explosions offshore rattled windows and slightly shook houses in this resort city today and were heard in Berlin, Md., eight miles inland.

Coast Guard officials here would not comment.

The sounds also were heard all along the lower Delaware coast.

New York, Dec. 22.—(AP)—British troops "are inflicting severe losses on the Japanese" who gained a foothold in Sarawak on the island of Borneo, the BBC said tonight in quoting a Batavia dispatch. The broadcast was heard by CBS.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—The German high command announced in a special communique today that a British aircraft carrier has been sunk in the Atlantic. "A submarine operating in the Atlantic under the command of Capt. Bignall," the announcement said, "torpedoed a British aircraft carrier. The ship sank."

Bold British Patrol Surprises Garrison Far in Tripolitania

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A patrol far out in front of British rapidly advancing army in Libya has made a bold, surprise stab against an axis garrison 150 miles into Tripolitania, British general headquarters disclosed today in a communique which, for the third successive day, indicated that the main British forces were pressing westward at top speed.

The exact site of the daring swoop, where an entire garrison was said to have been "accounted for" although it outnumbered the attackers six to one and at least 24 German and Italian planes destroyed on the ground, was not given.

That it was 150 miles inside the western section of Libya, however, meant that Britain's vanguards had pierced beyond the highwater mark of the first big westward push at El Agheila and had crossed into Tripolitania for the first time.

El Agheila is at the southernmost point of the Gulf of Sirte only 10 miles east of the dividing line between Libya's two main areas, Cirenaica on the east and Tripolitania on the west.

UNIFORM AIR RAID REGULATIONS SET

Salem, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Uniform air raid regulations for Oregon and Washington were adopted today in Portland at a meeting of defense officials, Defense Coordinator Jerrild Owen said.

Air raid warning signals, to last two minutes and to be given 15 minutes before the expected raid, will consist either of "undulating, fluctuating or warbling signal of varying pitch, or a succession of intermittent blasts." The all-clear signal will be a steady two-minute blast.

Owen said uniform traffic regulations also were adopted.

FIVE ON TANKER MISSING AND FIVE SUFFER INJURIES

One Tanker Escapes By Dodging Submarine Fire 100 Miles From San Fran

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The navy announced today the SS Samoa was attacked by a submarine off the coast of California during the night of December 20 and that the steamship Lahaina was shelled and sunk by an enemy submarine on December 11 on the way to San Francisco.

The torpedo exploded in the vicinity of the Samoa but there were no casualties and the ship was not damaged.

Two of the crew of the Lahaina are dead and two are missing. Thirty survivors have landed at Hahuli on the Hawaiian Island of Maui.

Secretary of the Navy Knox announced that at least 14 undersea marauders had been sunk or damaged in the Atlantic and several Japanese submarines dealt with in the Pacific.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(AP)—All but five men of a crew of 36 survived the enemy submarine attack on the tanker Emdio, the captain of the ship said today as he and his men were landed at Eureka by a coastguard cutter.

He described the Saturday torpedoing and shelling of the tanker as the "most ruthless thing I've heard about." Three of the ship's lifeboats were shelled.

Captain Clark A. Farrow of Long Beach said five of his men were injured, but no one was in serious condition. The Emdio still was afloat. Eureka is about 275 miles north of San Francisco.

The attack on the Emdio was one of two submarine assaults off the California coast during the week-end. Patrols by sea and air were launched immediately.

One Tanker Escapes
Several hours before the Emdio was fired upon, another American tanker, the Agwiworld, escaped from a submarine off Cypress point, 100 miles south of San Francisco.

Although eight shells were hurled at the Agwiworld from the attacker's deck gun, the tanker, maneuvered by a submarine-wise skipper, zigzagged its way to safety in a 30-minute chase. This attack also was only 20 miles offshore.

Upon reaching San Francisco the next morning, the Agwiworld crew men's single reaction was:
"If we'd only had a gun."
Emdio crew members listed as missing were:
Third Assistant Engineer B. A. Winters, San Pedro, Calif.
Stuart McCallivray, 17, West Seattle high school boy.
R. W. Pennington, Los Angeles.
Kenneth Kimes, San Pedro.
Fred Potts, Los Angeles.
Emdio Southbound

The Emdio, with Captain Clark A. Farrow of Long Beach, Calif., as her master, was southbound without cargo. She is a 6,912-ton craft owned by the Socony-Vacuum Oil company.

Captain Goncalves of the Agwiworld interviewed in San Francisco, modestly attributed to luck his vessel's escape, but other officers of the ship and crew members spoke admiringly of the Skipper's coolness and seamanship under fire.

Goncalves described the submarine as an unusually large one, which broke the surface nearby as the Agwiworld plowed northward about 20 miles from shore outside of Montezuma Bay.