

Japs Face Supreme Test In Move on Philippines With Big Landing Force

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Our defenders in the Philippines appear to be in the throes of the supreme test in the bloody fighting which has developed as the result of Japanese landings in force from 80 transports in the Lingayen gulf area, a bit more than 100 miles northeast of Manila on Luzon island—strategic heart of these straggling possessions.

The Japs, already delayed in their schedule by the strong defense of General MacArthur's forces, have struck heavily with the purpose of gaining possession before the arrival of American reinforcements across the Pacific.

The news thus far is a mixture of good and bad. It is a matter of concern that the Japanese should have sufficient control of the waters about Luzon to effect such a mass landing. It is grand to hear from General MacArthur in an early report of the fighting that "our troops are behaving well."

Next to this invasion of the Philippines, the great sensation of the day is Hitler's assumption of supreme command of his armies, displacing the famous field marshal Von Brauchitsch. The precise meaning of this extraordinary move remains obscure, but I think we are safe in saying that it was inspired by a great emergency of some sort.

One doesn't overlook, of course, that the fuhrer himself has declared he is divinely ordained to carry out his program for the fatherland. Still, it is hard to believe that this is the explanation. Admitting Hitler's genius for leadership, he might be expected to be the last to claim that his training fitted him for a position demanding the highest type of military skill, and to feel that there is no one else capable of leading his armies.

Rather, it seems to me, he is faced with a great crisis in which either (1) he is forced

to depend upon the personal hold which he has on his people or (2) he and Von Brauchitsch have disagreed on a vital military issue.

People May Be Tiring of Tactics

It may be that Herr Hitler is compelled to use all his power of leadership in order to meet the reaction of his people to the great defeat suffered by German arms in Russia. That operation, which is still developing dangerously for the Nazis, certainly takes some explaining.

It is equally possible that the fuhrer wants to undertake something that his commander in chief felt suicidal. There are several guesses along that line. About the wildest thing one could think of would be an attempt to invade England at this time of year. The German high command undoubtedly would balk at such a rash adventure, but Hitler says he is working by intuition and maybe his intuition tells him that now is the appointed hour for a desperate blow.

Perhaps the crisis involves a military dispute regarding Russia. It might relate to a challenge to Turkey's two million bayonets in an effort to break into the middle east. It might have to do with a drive through Spain to bring that country into the war and to open up new bases for Germany in North Africa.

Be that as may, it's my guess that Hitler is a badly worried man. There is further evidence

West Point for Hero's Son



In a letter addressed "To the President of the United States in 1956" President Roosevelt requested a West Point appointment for Colin P. Kelly, III, son of the late Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., the United States flier who sank the Japanese battleship Haruna and was killed in the action. The child, now less than two years old, is with his mother as they look at pictures of his father made during the hero's boyhood.

that all is not well with Germany in the language employed by the Nazi chief and Propaganda Minister Goebbels in their urgent week-end appeals to the public for warm clothing for German soldiers caught in the toils of the killing Russian winter.

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War Is Not to Blame for Shorter Skirts, Girls Say

Denver (UP)—Denver women may be wearing shorter skirts and more revealing necklines, but take it from the plain-speaking fairer sex, it's not because of the war.

"Short skirts are being worn because girls know it's well to show their legs if they're good looking," explained pretty Evelyn Rothstein, a well-tailored sorority leader on the Denver university campus.

She apparently expressed the belief of Denver women in general who went up in arms when Dr. Milton Kirkpatrick, physician-psychologist of the national committee for Mental Hygiene, said: "The daring dresses women wear today are wartime phenomenon."

"Men do the fighting and they claim all the credit," the New

York doctor asserted. "Some women imagine they have to think up something special so as not to be left out of the picture." By way of an answer to Dr. Kirkpatrick, the Denver co-ed replied that "war psychology hasn't affected Denver much as yet."

Mrs. Gano Senter, president of the Denver Woman's club, gave another reason for short skirts and low necklines: "The styles are an economic reaction by fashion experts who want to keep the industry moving," she contended.

"Extreme styles today aren't the result of a wartime psychological reaction by women—that's ridiculous," Mrs. Senter said. "There's no psychology back of this trend except the old one that we dress the way the rest of us do."

Civilian Defense Set-Up Explained by Coordinator

The following is the first of a series of informational articles on civilian defense prepared by Frank Hull, coordinator of the Jackson County Council of Defense:

Air Raid Warning and Warnings

This is purely the function of civilians in the civilian defense set-up. In Jackson county the air raid warning service will be manned by approximately one thousand people, the warning posts being located at strategic points selected by the second interceptor command of the U. S. air corps. To supplement these posts, lookouts of the state forest and U. S. forest organizations will be used where feasible.

These posts are connected by telephone and other forms of communication. Briefly the method of operation is: the airplane is sighted, its identity determined if possible and this report made directly to filter stations operating in the western counties of the state. This message is immediately transmitted to the interceptor command at Portland. From the time of sighting the plane, its flight is a constant record in the interceptor command's plotting rooms.

In the filter stations approximately 15 women and girls, volunteers, are on constant watch throughout 24 hours. They are the ones who receive the messages that are transmitted to the interceptor command.

The people in Jackson county manning these warning posts have done a remarkable job. In all kinds of weather and at personal sacrifice they have kept the posts operating. To complete the defense, air wardens are located in practically every precinct in the cities and county. Their duty, with many assistants, is to keep the public informed as to the procedure in

case of an air raid and to see that the blackouts are complied with. In fact every possible move has been anticipated in the set-up of the civilian defense in air raid warning and precaution.

Defense Course For Law Officers Here Slated For January

Washington, Dec. 22—(AP)—The justice department listed today eleven Pacific coast cities where FBI civilian defense courses for police will be given next January 5 to 10 to instruct local authorities in blackout enforcement, conveying, evacuation of civilians and other wartime problems.

The cities include Medford, Ore. The local FBI civilian defense courses for state and city police and the sheriff's office will be held in the county courthouse auditorium from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. every day from January 5 to 10, inclusive, city police said today.

The classes will be conducted by G. H. Treadwell of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and will be attended by law enforcement officers from all points in southern Oregon.

DEE STRIKE ENDS Hood River, Ore., Dec. 22—(AP)—A two-week-old strike of 300 CIO millworkers ended at Dee Saturday as management and employees agreed to arbitration of a wage dispute.

PIONEER RESIDENT CALLED BY DEATH

John Alford Miller, 78, pioneer resident of Jackson county, being born at Brownsboro, Oct. 11, 1863, and spending his entire lifetime in this county, passed away suddenly at his home in Eagle Point at 10:30 a. m. Sunday.

He was in usual health up to the time of his sudden demise. Besides his wife, Elva J. Miller, he leaves three children, Mrs. W. R. Crawford of Medford; Mrs. H. L. Carlton, Prospect and Blanche McCune of Klamath county. Also one sister and two brothers, Lulu Whitney of San Francisco; S. J. Miller, Klamath Falls and S. M. Miller of Prospect.

Funeral services will be held at the Conger chapel at 2 p. m. Wednesday with Rev. Wolford A. Dawes officiating. Interment will be in Brownsboro cemetery.

Most Valley Turkeys Now In Dealer Hands

Turkey shippers estimated today about 96 per cent of the turkey crop of the Rogue River valley has been disposed of, with a few birds left for the January market. It was estimated the turkey production was between 40,000 and 45,000 birds—the total being less than last year. Shippers said the market the past week had been good, with prices stable.

New Snow Added To Covering At Lakes

Snow fell Saturday and Sunday at Fish lake, bringing snow depth there to 18 inches, the Medford Irrigation district reported today. Snow was still falling this morning. The fall was wet and settled fast.

Snow also fell at Lake o' Woods and in the Greensprings mountain sections, returning autolists reported. Most of the mountainous areas reported snow over the week-end.

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MAN OF MUSCLE—Born Oct. 2, 1941, Bobby Duncan of St. Augustine, Fla., has been astounding his mother and all the neighbors by feats of strength such as above suspension act. He's celebrating his 12th week on this planet by swinging from a chair back with the greatest of ease. But that cushion on the floor means that mama is taking no chances—just now.

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