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ALLIES READY IN '43 SAYS CHURCHILL

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 26.—Slight means have been emitted by some officials because the secret of Churchill's Christmas visit was so loosely kept. The fact is it was darn well kept. Most news men in Washington knew at least four days before the announcement was made that the British minister was either here or on his way.

The suppressed news had reached so many persons by Saturday morning that Presidential Press Secretary Steve Early openly cautioned reporters at his press conference not to cause its publication. By Sunday the new press censor, Byron Price, was telephoning news agencies urging them again to avoid the story.

It is true some speculations about Churchill's disappearance came out of London early in the week, after Clement Attlee told commons he was taking over in the absence of the prime minister. Two indefinite yarns followed out of Washington, but the activities of Early and Price halted any more definite notice which would have endangered Churchill on his voyage.

THE White House was in no way pushed by premature publication into making the announcement Monday night. The news was issued for the effect it would have upon the rest of the world—particularly France, Turkey and Portugal. In the modern subtle, diplomatic manner it warned France against dishonoring herself by relinquishing the fleet, and reminded neutral Turkey and backsliding Portugal that friendliness toward the axis might bear bitter post-war fruits.

This, in truth, was a primary

NO CANTONMENT FUNDS APPROVED DECLARES MOTT

Salem, Dec. 26.—(P)—President Roosevelt's special board of inquiry will not discover any serious negligence on the part of the army and navy forces at Pearl Harbor, Rep. James W. Mott, ranking republican on the house naval affairs committee, predicted today. Mott arrived at his home here Wednesday night and will leave for Washington next Monday after inspecting northwest naval defenses.

"The defense forces were caught napping," Mott said, "but there is no evidence of culpable negligence on the part of anyone."

"We face a long, hard war, and we are united in our determination to do everything necessary to prosecute it to ultimate victory. Party lines have been completely eradicated."

He said that funds for the proposed army cantonments at Corvallis and Medford have not been appropriated.

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 26.—(P)—San Diego's first spy scare was quickly solved today with announcement that three men, using binoculars while padding through trees and making notes in Balboa park were only taking the annual bird census.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

John Deaver, a former gob, taking a lot of good natured ribbing from friends who keep asking where our navy is.

Ken Anthony always having good punchboard luck when a certain friend pops into sight.

AXIS TO RECEIVE LASTING LESSON CONGRESS IS TOLD

Prime Minister in Epochal Address to Law Makers—Production Held Pivot.

Victory Sign

Washington, Dec. 26.—(P)—Winston Churchill raised his fingers in a "V" for victory sign today as he left the senate chamber after his historic address.

The prime minister sat down when he completed his speech. Several minutes of applause and roaring approval followed.

Then, as he left the rostrum, Churchill held up his right hand with the first two fingers forming the "V" and the crowd roared.

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told congress today the allies would be ready "to take the initiative on an ample scale" by 1943 and in the end give the axis powers a lesson the world "will never forget."

Standing in the center of the green-carpeted senate rostrum, the stocky Briton asked his intently-listening audience these questions about the Germans, Japanese and Italians:

"What kind of people do they think we are?"

"Do they not realize that we shall never cease to persevere against them until we have taught them a lesson which they and the world will never forget?"

Words Applauded
This brought a roar of applause from the packed and jammed senate chamber, where house members were sandwiched in between the regular senate desks. Members of the supreme court, the cabinet and the diplomatic corps were also in his audience.

The prime minister spoke also of the "masses awaiting the hour of liberation when, too, will be able to play their part and strike their blows like men."

The United States-British production, within a year or 18 months, Churchill said, would result in war power output beyond "anything ever seen in the axis states."

The youth of Germany, Japan and Italy had been taught, the Britisher said, that aggressive warfare was the duty of the citizen and should begin as soon as the weapons were available.

Axis Planned War
"They have plotted and planned for war," he charged.

The stocky prime minister stood in the center of the senate rostrum, and spoke in a calm, quiet voice. He was cheered lustily when he entered the chamber.

Churchill said it was natural that the planning and plotting by the axis powers had placed the United States at a disadvantage. But, saying that we should be thankful that we had time to prepare for war, he added:

"If Germany had tried to invade Britain in June, 1940, and Japan had declared war on the United States the same day, no one can say what disaster might have come."

Churchill said that within 18 months production in the United States "will produce results in war power beyond anything that has been seen" and that by "the end of 1942 we will be quite definitely in a better position than we are now."

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Island Defense Stubborn



Headquarters of the U. S. army announced that American and Filipino troops were putting up stubborn resistance at Atimona (1), where a new invasion in heavy force occurred after an attempt by the enemy to land off Batangas (2) was thwarted. Manila (3) was subjected to another heavy bombing raid and the army staff left Manila and declared it an open city in an effort to avert further bombardment. There also was stubborn defense in the San Fernando-Ago-Damortis sector of the Lingayen gulf fight (4).

Stoic Japanese Boys March To Death on Luzon Beaches

By Clark Lee

Manila, Dec. 26.—(P)—Masses of Japanese troops—some of them boys of 15 to 18 years old and poorly equipped with .25 caliber guns—are dying in attacks on the Lingayen front as if simply accepting the inevitable.

An American officer who commands one of the beach defenses told me there was "no hysterical exaltation" in the charge on the shore last Monday, when the major invasion began.

"They didn't charge, but crouched forward just a little bit," lifting their knees high in a sort of imitation goose step," he said.

"They knelt coming forward in pairs, one directly behind the other. They were coming on to die and many of them did."

"Many times one of our heavy

machine-gun or rifle bullets killed two men at once.

"When hit, they just threw up their hands and fell backward as if accepting an inevitable fate."

"Some wore poor quality khaki; others were in half uniforms and half civilian clothing."

The invaders carried .25 caliber rifles and about one-fourth of them had .25 caliber sub-machine guns."

The commander of the landing section said the .25 caliber bullets would not kill a man unless it struck a vital spot.

The battle in the Lingayen area started at 2 a. m. with an artillery duel between Japanese warships and American shore guns.

Opposing the Japanese were Americans and young Filipino troops who are being welded into a first class fight force.

1,000 CHILDREN ENJOY MATINEE

Whooping and hollering joyously throughout the two-hour program, approximately 1,000 kiddies of Medford and vicinity gave vocal proof of the complete success of the annual free Christmas matinee sponsored by the Mail Tribune and George A. Hunt Theatres at the Craterian theatre yesterday morning.

The youngsters jammed their way into the movie house long before 10 a. m., the starting time, and until noon they roared with laughter over the crazy antics of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Buck Privates", plus two cartoon hits.

It was one of the most successful matinees yet given for the children, and its sponsors got almost as big a kick out of watching the happy kiddies as the young ones did out of the comedy film.

Torpedoed Tanker Is Apparent Total Loss

Grants Pass, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Marine men who saw a torpedoed American tanker as it lay grounded on rocks off the northern California coast said today it appeared unsalvageable.

The craft, abandoned by its crew after the attack, drifted ashore Saturday. Its stern is under water, fast on rocks, and its bow bobs up and down with the surf.

STORK PLAYS SANTA
Portland, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Santa, busy with other matters, took time out to leave 14 babies at Portland hospitals yesterday.

ORDER HONGKONG RIFLES STACKED

Tokyo, Dec. 18.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by (P))—The remnants of the British imperial garrison at Hongkong, estimated at 6,000 men, was reported to have been ordered to stack arms by noon today in conformity with yesterday's surrender to Japanese siege assault.

The disarming got swiftly under way by various points of the now occupied British crown colony following the British command's formal acceptance early this morning of demands presented by representatives of the Japanese army and navy.

The Japanese demands provided:

1. Stationing of a "certain number" of Japanese troops for maintenance of order.
2. British assumption of full responsibility for cessation of hostilities and prevention of "unwanted incidents."
3. That decisions on further details of the British surrender should be made later.

London, Dec. 26.—(P)—The Christmas day surrender of British Hongkong was a considerable strategic triumph for the Japanese, informed sources frankly conceded today.

Word that the garrison's remnants, with only meager water supplies left, had finally yielded was received here almost thankfully by most Britons. They had been expecting the capitulation, but there still were no details on Hongkong's last hours under the union jack.

Japs Increase Luzon Pressure; Manila Is Declared Open City

HAWAII EVACUEES RUN SUB GANTLET TO SAN FRANCISCO

Hundreds of Wounded Conveyed To Golden Gate—Arrival Scenes Stirring.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—(P)—Hundreds of wounded and evacuees, conveyed safely through waters infested with Japanese submarines, today related acts of heroism and praised the morale in embattled Hawaii.

Planes circled overhead as the passenger vessels, wearing a dark blue war paint, slipped quietly through the Golden Gate yesterday.

Lifelines were worn during the trip by all passengers—even by the many children while they played games—and the ships were blacked out completely at night.

They zigzagged constantly because Japanese submarines have been preying on shipping off the California coast.

Stirring scenes took place at entrances to piers. No public announcement was made of the convoy's arrival but it was seen moving through the Golden Gate. There was a rush toward the waterfront.

Area Blocked Off
Soldiers and sailors carrying rifles and pistols had blocked off an area extending three blocks from the docks.

Ambulances hurried to the waterfront and removed the navy and army wounded. The city sent four ambulances to care for the civilian injured.

Football players of Williams university at Salem, Ore., and San Jose, Calif., State told on their return of doing guard duty after the raids. Coach R. S. "Spec" Keene said his Williams squad worked their way home by caring for wounded men.

The three children of Captain Merle Williams of the air corps told of a Christmas party on the conveyed ships at sea which was long on fun but short on candy and nuts.

Danny Williams' faith in his father, who remained in the islands, was evident.

"My daddy," said the six-year-old "can lick any 10 Japs."

De Gaulle Ordered Island Occupation Says French Agency

St. Pierre, St. Pierre-et-Miquelon, Dec. 26.—(P)—The Free French news service announced today that these islands off the Newfoundland coast were occupied under a formal order by General Charles de Gaulle and that the "diplomatic question" arising would be discussed between him and the "interested governments."

De Gaulle is the leader of the Free French movement, with headquarters at London.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Dec. 26.—(P)—The French declared here today that they "welcomed with satisfaction" the United States state department's condemnation of the De Gaulle occupation of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

London, Dec. 26.—(P)—The French national committee (Free French) charged today that it was "common knowledge" that the radio at St. Pierre, when it was under Vichy domination "was broadcasting meteorological information useful to the enemy."

Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 26.—(P)—Stefani reported today from Sofia that the American diplomatic corps in the Bulgarian capital left last night for Istanbul, Turkey. Nine Americans were in the group leaving the country which declared itself at war with the United States.

SISKIYOU SNOW CAUSE OF MANY AUTO ACCIDENTS

Six-Inch Blanket Makes Pavement Slick—Chains Advised For Mountains.

Numerous cars were stalled and a few minor accidents occurred on the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains yesterday when a six-inch fall of snow made the pavement hazardous for motorists, state police reported today. Although the highway has been sanded, the new snow made driving difficult.

State police said both the Siskiyou and Greensprings mountain highways were still slick, and advised motorists to equip their cars with chains when driving over either road.

Hit Run Reported

State and city police received a report from W. L. Greenleaf of Central Point that his machine was sideswiped by a hit-run driver on North Riverside avenue early last night. Greenleaf reported that the other auto, traveling in the opposite direction, struck the side of his car and drove away without stopping.

Reports of seven minor accidents were on file in city police station today. They were:

Billy Cox of Medford and Theodore Ryall of 725 South Central avenue were drivers of cars involved in a mishap at Wabash and Spring streets Thursday afternoon.

Cars operated by Andy Larsen of Route 4 and Staff Sergeant George C. Smith of the U. S. Army, Medford airport, were involved in a slight wreck at Main and Front streets Thursday morning.

W. E. Allen of Phoenix and F. A. Webb of 312 Ashland avenue drove cars involved in a minor wreck at Main and Holly streets Thursday morning.

South Front near Eighth street was the scene of a minor accident Thursday morning involving cars operated by Carl Nelson of Route 3 and H. M. Lageson of 21 Lincoln street.

Frank Wenzel of 1028 Reddy avenue and Bob Little of 917 East Main street drove cars involved in a slight wreck in front of the former's home Thursday afternoon.

Cars operated by James F. Campbell of 714 West 11th street and Ralph M. Brock of 304 North Columbus avenue collided with slight damage at Laurel and Main streets Wednesday afternoon.

Peter Burreson of Gold Hill and Ruth E. Ward of Central Point drove cars involved in a minor mishap on the Pacific highway at Central Point Wednesday afternoon.

Peace Terms Talk Favors Making Japan Impotent for 1,000 Years

Washington, Dec. 26.—(P)—a powerful, independent nation which could become "a stabilizing force in the orient."

Senators Norris (Ind., Neb.) said he believed the allies first should disarm Germany, Italy and Japan, provide sufficient food to keep the inhabitants of those nations alive immediately after the cessation of hostilities and then work out a long-range peace program.

Senator Clark (D., Ida.), who opposed administering foreign policies prior to American entrance into the war, declared that "when we are able to negotiate a peace one of the first things we must consider is giving all countries access to raw materials. Unless there is equal access to the materials that make for the comforts of life there will be an interminable series of wars."

War Bulletins

Moscow, Saturday, Dec. 27.—(P)—The Russians announced today recapture of Narofominsk, 35 miles southwest of Moscow on the rail line to Kaluga.

London, Dec. 26.—(P)—The German radio reported tonight the German navy and air force had sunk 27 British warships so far in December.

London, Saturday, Dec. 27.—(P)—The British colonial office announced today that Japanese forces "recently have been operating in the northern Gilbert islands," roughly mid-way between Australia and Hawaii.

DUTCH ADD TWO JAPANESE CRAFT TO SUNK STRING

Batavia, N.E.I., Dec. 26.—(P)—The Dutch, whose air and submarine forces have set a daily average of one Japanese ship sunk or seriously damaged since they went to war with Japan, announced today the sinking of a Japanese destroyer and transport in an air attack on enemy shipping concentration off Kuching, capital of Sarawak, island of Borneo.

Aneta, official Dutch news agency, telephoning the commune to New York, appeared to say that a "destroyer or transport" had been sunk. The New York office of Aneta was rechecking this passage.

On the basis of the latest report the Japanese had lost two destroyers in recent days to the Dutch, who reported only yesterday that one of the 2,100-ton Amagiri class was torpedoed and sunk the night of December 24-25 by a submarine, which escaped the depth bombs dropped by an accompanying destroyer, to report its victory.

Just when the other destroyer was hit was not clear since the Dutch naval air force has been hammering at shipping off Huching for the past three or four days.

MIDWAY ISLAND STILL HOLDS OUT

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The navy said today its force of marines on Midway island was still holding out.

The Midway garrison was in communication with headquarters here yesterday but the navy would not discuss the messages nor how the marines were faring on the mid-Pacific isle.

DEFENSE FORCES LEAVE CAPITAL TO SPARE RESIDENTS

Japanese Aerial Activity Brisk Over City—Raids Kill Many Provincials

By R. P. Cronin, Jr.

Manila, Dec. 26.—5:30 p. m., 12:30 a. m. PST.—(P)—A two-way Japanese assault on Manila has intensified, with an artillery fight northwest of the capital and a tank battle to the southwest where Japanese pressure was increased and casualties were heavy, an army communique declared late today.

The war bulletin was the last issued from the United States armed forces of the far east headquarters here before all staff officers left Manila, declared officially to be an open city to spare its residents further bombardment.

Jap Airmen Busy

Japanese aerial activity over the city continued through most of the day, however, with one siren-sounded alarm after another. The Japanese bombers appeared to be striking beyond the city itself at military bases nearby. Suburban Nichols air field was one of their objectives.

The army communique described aerial activity over the capital during the preceding 16 hours as "very brisk."

All soldiers and sailors had been moved from Manila by this afternoon in accordance with the announcement that the city was not defended. Anti-aircraft batteries were dismounted and unmovable military stores destroyed.

Heavy Pressure
The final war bulletin from the Manila headquarters said "there has been very heavy pressure by the enemy on the south-eastern front," where the Japanese were attacking toward Manila from their Lamon bay beachheads 55 to 75 miles from the capital.

"Tank battling on that front," the communique said, "has resulted in heavy casualties on both sides."

It repeated an earlier bulletin that enemy action on the northern front, some 110 miles from Manila, was largely "heavy and concentrated artillery fire."

An army spokesman said investigation had disclosed that there had been no Japanese landing at Nasugbu, only 15 miles south of the entrance to Manila bay, as reported earlier in Washington.

Manila newspapers, meanwhile, reported that more than 100 persons had been killed in Japanese air raids on provincial towns, with the heaviest toll at San Pablo, Laguna province, south of Manila.

Effort to Reverse Offensive Claimed

Canberra, Australia, Dec. 26.—(P)—Prime Minister John Curtin, broadcasting today, said that Britain, the United States and Australia had launched an effort to reverse Japan's present defensive advantage.

Speaking only in general terms, Curtin said he could not state the precise form of the movement but he added that he was greatly encouraged by growing reinforcements for the allies.

Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific standard)
Tonight: NBC-Blue—7 professional tennis tournament.

Saturday—MBS 11:15 a. m. North vs. south at Birmingham. NBC-Red—12 Defense and Your Dollar; 1:15 Tropical park races. CBS—10:45 Orange bowl football preview. MBS—2 from London, American Eagle squadron sends greetings.