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## JAPS WITHIN 45 MILES OF MANILA

### Kelly's Comment

From Washington  
Capital Crowded By War Agencies  
Forest Service May Move West  
Wool Growers Protest Ceiling

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Preliminary conversations are under way suggesting that the forest service, the reclamation service, the fish and wildlife service be transferred from the national capital to the Pacific northwest where, because of their functions, they would be nearer the heart of their work. Owing to congestion at the capital, a dozen permanent agencies have been ordered out of town, bag and baggage, within 60 days to make room for the inflocking horde of temporary workers in war agencies.

More than 10,000 permanent workers will be sent away, not counting families and associated industries, such as hundreds of patent lawyers and their office forces; the hundreds of printers at GPO. Director of the budget is sending the agencies to New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis.

On the hill the assertion is made that all the bureaus of the interior department should be moved to the west, and agencies of the department of agriculture to "make room" Secretary Ickes shipped the grazing division to Salt Lake City where it will be in the heart of its operation. Only 65 people are in this division.

HEADQUARTERS of the forest service, it is contended.

### "Archie" Batteries Hamper Jap Bombing In Singapore Region

Singapore, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Blazing anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights which kept the Japanese planes high were credited today with holding the effect of overnight enemy raids on this stronghold to a minimum.

A communique said four raids were made, damaging some thatched houses whose flames ignited a small gasoline dump and caused four casualties.

On the land front, a communique acknowledged that the invaders had made a strong attack against British lines in the Perak area yesterday but declared they suffered heavy losses. Elsewhere the situation was described as unchanged.

British forces were reported to be inflicting casualties at rates as high as 40-for-one, even while yielding fresh ground about Ipoh, a tin mining center 290 miles northwest of Singapore.

### Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific Standard)  
Tonight: CBS—6:30, twelve crowded months, year's review; 8, basketball at N. Y.  
MBS—5:15, Brazil Presents; 6:30, songs for marching men; 7:45 Grand Rapids Schubert club.

Wednesday: NBC-Red—9:15 p. m., Rose Bowl kickoff luncheon, Durham, N. C. CBS—12:30 Orange Bowl football preview.

### SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Maurice Tedrow coming back from Portland with word received directly from Kodiak, Alaska, that the Medford army cantonment will be built any minute now.

Jerry Warren thoroughly enjoying the Mail Tribune carriers' banquet despite the fact he had eaten a hearty meal about two hours before.

### 25-MILE ADVANCE SCORED AS ALLIES SPEED ASSISTANCE

Invaders Change Victory Scheduled to Ten Days Later—Veterans Land.

By the Associated Press  
Japan's invasion armies were reported to have advanced within 45 air-line miles of Manila today as reports circulated in the Dutch East Indies that allied reinforcements were on their way to the Pacific and that a general offensive against Japan could be expected soon.

The latest—and closest—Japanese thrust toward the Philippine capital came from the southeast, in the Atimonan-Maubun sector, and indicated that the invaders had registered a gain of 25 or more miles.

Dispatches from the fighting zone said the Japanese had reached Luisiana and Dolores, each about 45 miles by air from Manila.

The Japanese, however took a 10-day margin on an earlier boast that they would capture Manila "before New Year's."

In the north, the new American line, shortened and consolidated, was described as running east and west through Zaragoza, 120 miles above the capital.

It was apparent that American and Filipino troops defending the northern approaches to Manila have now withdrawn completely from the Lingayen gulf area, falling back about 45 miles to new positions.

Manila reports said the invaders were believed to be landing veteran troops used in the siege and capture of Hongkong, reinforcing young, ill-trained Japanese who began the assault on Luzon island.

### Claim Sea Victory

A Japanese naval communique said Japanese aircraft had sunk a U. S. destroyer and two submarines and damaged 76 merchant ships in Luzon waters between Dec. 22-28.

Bloody Japanese troop losses in land fighting at Mauban, 60 miles air-line southeast of Manila, were reported in dispatches from the Philippine capital.

American and Filipino shore defenders there were said to have slaughtered the Japanese in great batches as they swarmed ashore on Christmas morning. Unending waves of Japanese reinforcements ultimately compelled the defenders to fall back to new lines.

"Everything is quiet," said Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, in the briefest communique of the war. The bulletin was issued at 11:45 a. m., Manila time.

Some observers expected that a synchronized land and sea drive on Manila was imminent and that Japanese naval forces would attempt to neutralize the big guns of Corregidor island fortress, at the entrance to Manila harbor, then sail directly to the bay to the capital.

Manila dispatches said the two-hour aerial assault on Corregidor yesterday, in which four Japanese bombers were shot down, was generally regarded as the opening salvo in an attempt to reduce the fortress.

### ARMY PILOT DIES IN LEANDRO CRASH

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 30.—(AP)—An army pursuit plane crashed, killing the pilot, on the marshes of West San Leandro today.

The western defense command announced the flier who lost his life was Second Lieut. John A. Finkin, Jr., 22, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Witnesses saw the plane falling over the marshland, as if the pilot was trying to straighten it for a landing. It dropped suddenly and bounced and seemed to explode in the air.

Flames consumed the wreckage.

Lubang island is chief of the island cluster commanding shipping routes to Manila.

### Assault on Axis Homelands To Be Final Phase of War, Churchill Tells Canadians

BRITISH BREAK UP AXIS ATTEMPT TO STAND IN DESERT

Violent Two-Day Tank Battle Destroys 42 Enemy Machines Near Agedabia

By the Associated Press  
Britain's desert armies in a violent two-day tank battle have smashed a new stand after a 420-mile retreat from the Egyptian border, frontline dispatches said today, and British vanguards were reported pushing on toward Tripolitania, the western part of Libya and the last piece of Premier Mussolini's African empire.

British Middle East headquarters said 42 axis tanks were knocked out of action in a battle south of Agedabia, 80 miles below captured Bengasi, and declared that "our pressure on the enemy is being maintained."

With Cirenaica, or eastern Libya, conquered, British troops were said to be advancing somewhere along the road to El Achella, 80 miles beyond Agedabia, on the coastal highway skirting the gulf of Sirte. El Achella is near the Tripolitania border.

British Unhalted  
Axis versions of the Agedabia tank battle said 74 British tanks and armored cars had been destroyed, but neither the German nor Italian communique claimed to have halted the British sweep westward.

On the Russian war front, Soviet dispatches credited Red Army soldiers with blasting the Germans from important defenses on the Oka river—apparently in the Orei-Kaluga sector, south of Moscow—and Russian parachute troops were reported dropping behind German lines to hamper the Nazi retreat.

Dispatches to the newspaper Pravda to the Russians had broken through an elaborately fortified zone where the Germans had built trenches, dugouts, barbed-wire entanglements and blockhouses along the Oka river.

### WAR BULLETINS

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The navy announced late today that Japanese vessels were suspected of being in the vicinity of Kodiak, Alaska. All merchant vessels have been warned of the presence of the Japanese war craft, presumably submarines, in the Alaskan waters, a navy communique said.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The army announced late today that 27 men were killed and 80 wounded in the Japanese bombing of the Philippine fortress Corregidor at the entrance to Manila bay.

London, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The German radio announced tonight that Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels will broadcast Adolf Hitler's New Year message to the German nation tomorrow at 7 p. m. London time (10 a. m. PST).

Singapore, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Martial law was declared in the Singapore area tonight. A semi-official statement said offenses against public safety and cases of treachery, assistance to the enemy or looting will be tried by military courts.

### GUARD COMPANIES TO GET RIFLES AT MEETING TONIGHT

Arms will be issued to the 60 men of Company A, first infantry regiment of the Oregon state guard, and the ten men of headquarters detachment, first battalion, when the organizations meet for their weekly drills in the armory at 8 tonight.

Capt. James W. Grigsby, commanding Company A, announced arrival of the rifles, all Enfields of the type used in World War I. He said they were covered with grease and the first job for the men after issuance of the arms tonight would be to clean them. He asked each man to bring a couple of cleaning rags to the armory tonight. Those having such things were asked to bring cleaning rods and oil.

Both units will receive first aid instruction tonight and will practice close order drills, Capt. Grigsby said. Uniforms, he added, are expected to arrive soon.

Headquarters detachment is commanded by Lieut. Moore Hamilton.

### AXIS SUBMARINE GETS U. S. VESSEL

New York, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The sinking of an American freighter in the Atlantic December 3 by an axis submarine whose commander spoke English has been disclosed here with the arrival of 19 of the torpedoed vessel's 35 survivors who spent a week in lifeboats on rations of six ounces of water and two biscuits a day.

Chief Officer Norris Chadbourne of the freighter—the America South Africa line's 6,275-ton Sagadahoc—said one seaman, Anthony Castro, a U. S. citizen of Spanish birth, probably had been killed in an explosion that followed the torpedoing.

The officer said the freighter's captain, Frederick Evans, and 15 other seamen, had reached South Africa safely, accounting for all except Castro.

### French "Red Mayor" Assassin's Target

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Fernand Soupe, the former "Red mayor" of the Parisian suburb of Montreuil who turned collaborationist, was shot by a cyclist last night.

The Paris press reported the incident as another terrorist attempt on turncoat communists.

Soupe's condition today was reported improving.

### KEEP MINERAL RIGHTS

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Long-Bell Lumber Co., of Kansas City announced today that purchasers of its 124,595 acres of cut-over timber in Arkansas and Louisiana obtained half the mineral rights while the company retained the other half.

### Ja Bomb Open City of Manila



Japanese bombers wreaked havoc in the famous old walled city of Manila (upper) after Manila had been declared an open city by American officials. In the foreground is the legislative building. A direct hit was scored on the Philippine treasury building shown in lower picture which was taken recently by Deane Dickason, American author and lecturer.

### Gen. MacArthur Asks Retaliation For Repeated, Senseless Bombing

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur urged today that retaliatory measures be taken against the Japanese for the recent bombing of Manila, which he characterized as "completely violative of all the civilized processes of international law."

An official war department communique said a survey of damage to "undefended Manila by the repeated senseless and savage bombing by Japanese aircraft indicates that churches and other centers of Christian worship and culture were deliberately selected as special targets for enemy attacks."

The damage, said the department, extended to the great cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the historic college of San Juan Lateran, two convents, a hospital and at least five other churches and three colleges supported by religious institutions.

MacArthur's message to the war department said "enemy mercilessly bombed the open city of Manila using 63 bombers."

He added: "His present actions can only be deemed completely violative of all the civilized processes of international law. At the proper time I bespeak due retaliatory measures."

### Too Many Generals In Civilian Defense; 'Frisco Leader Quits

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—(AP)—San Francisco was in the market for a new director of civilian defense today following the resignation of its first director, Eric Cullenward, who gave up his post with the declaration the defense council has "more generals than privates."

Mayor Angelo Rossi, who accepted the resignation, named Joseph A. Murphy, former executive officer of the defense council, to take over Cullenward's duties temporarily. He said he had no one in mind for permanent appointment to the \$600 a month position.

Cullenward's resignation came after he had held the position only three weeks. In a letter to the mayor he said: "Undoubtedly you realize that I have been constantly hampered and thwarted in my efforts properly to carry out the functions of my office and to accomplish the purpose desired by you . . ."

### Press and Radio Given Orchid on Churchill News

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt bestowed upon the press and radio today, through his secretary, Stephen Early, a "well-deserved but somewhat belated orchid" for cooperation in measures taken to safeguard Prime Minister Churchill.

Early said the president had asked him to pass along the verbal "orchid" for the withholding of news about Churchill's visit until his actual arrival and for refraining from publicizing the prime minister's departure Sunday notwithstanding an official announcement in Ottawa as to the time Churchill was due there.

### Capone Hair Weds School Sweetheart; Parents at Rites

Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 30.—(AP)—The high school romance of Albert (Sonny) Capone and Diana Ruth Casey of Chattanooga and Miami Beach was climaxed today in their marriage before 300 guests in St. Patrick's Catholic church today.

The bridegroom's father, Alphonse Capone, the former Chicago gang chieftain, and Mrs. Capone arrived just before the mid-morning ceremony in separate cars.

Mrs. Casey, 21-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ruth M. Casey of Miami Beach and James F. Casey of Chattanooga was given in marriage by an uncle.

The Rt. Rev. William Barry performed the ceremony.

Young Capone and his bride were classmates at Miami high school.