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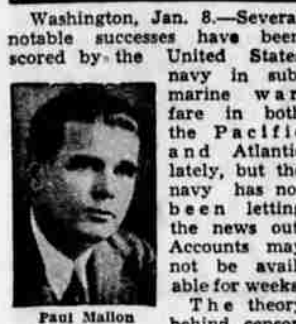
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JAPS SCORE NEW MALAYA SUCCESS

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



Washington, Jan. 8.—Several notable successes have been scored by the United States navy in submarine warfare in the Pacific and Atlantic lately, but the navy has not been letting the news out. Accounts may not be available for weeks. The theory behind censorship even of its own achievements is that axis vessels, far from home, do not communicate with headquarters sometimes for weeks. Their sending radio is kept dead to conceal their whereabouts. Consequently, Berlin and Tokyo cannot be sure, perhaps for a month or two, of what it has afloat, if our navy keeps quiet about what has been sunk.

The constant talk about Stalin flying to Washington first came out of Budapest (a Nazi rumor factory) via Stockholm (where most of our axis grease in the news is handled these days). Up to last Monday night, at least, no one had invited Stalin to fly here and Stalin had indicated to no one that he wanted to. The idea never occurred to anyone except the axis greasers, desirous to mark his absence from the Roosevelt-Churchill meetings.

LORD Beaverbrook has just filed a report with his government on Stalin's religious views, which is supposed to be highly amusing. The smiles are not at Stalin's expense. The sufferer is Beaverbrook and Averill Harriman, F.D.R.'s emissary in Moscow at a time when the religious aspects of the communist revolution in Russia were considered very pertinent in London and Washington, in connection with lending.

Neither Beaverbrook nor Harriman was suited to the task, it will appear when the report gets out. Their acquaintance with the Bible was casual, whereas Stalin had spent two years in a Russian orthodox theological seminary when he was young.

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MICKEY ROONEY TO MARRY SOON

Santa Barbara, Calif., Jan. 8. (P)—The county clerk's office discovered today that Mickey Rooney of the films and Greta Gardner, the Wilson, N. D., girl who captured his heart six months after she came west, had been licensed to marry Monday.

The application was issued under Rooney's true name of Joe Yule, Jr. The license can be granted tomorrow, under California's three-day law.

In Hollywood, Rooney's studio said he declined to give a hint when the nuptials will be. The license must be used in Santa Barbara county.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Paul Meyers standing by and watching as a fuel man inserted his hose into a telephone conduit instead of the tank opening, 25 gallons of oil spreading all over the First National bank basement before the error was discovered.

Seth Bullis being kidded about the revenue his Copco has lost because of a street light reported out since last November. Seth himself being worried lest routine company news be inflated into "scare headlines."

Charles Chrysler flustered around in the presence of the bevy of comedy stenographers supervising in indexing civilian defense workers.

INVADING HORDES FORCE BRITISHERS BACK TO NEW LINE

Singapore Communique Says Retreat Necessary To Preserve Solid Front.

Singapore, Jan. 8.—(P)—A further withdrawal of British troops in western Malaya was announced today in a communique which said the new defense line was south of the Slim river, a tributary of the Bernam river dividing the provinces of Perak and Selangor.

The war bulletin said the withdrawal was necessitated to preserve a solid front because of a new penetration of British positions in the intensified Japanese drive toward Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Federated Malay states and of Selangor State, 240 miles north of Singapore.

Heavy Pressure The communique said the British suffered some losses in guns and transports and reported that Japanese pressure continued heavy along the lower Perak front.

Reported from Klang, west of Kuala Lumpur toward the Malacca strait, said there had been some casualties in Japanese air raids Tuesday.

By the Associated Press Emperor Hirohito's invasion horde were reported striking with peak fury down the Malaya peninsula today, attacking the British in a critical test of strength, and an unconfirmed Rome broadcast asserted that Japanese troops had captured Kuala Lumpur, 240 miles north of Singapore.

Tokyo dispatches broadcast by the German radio said that Japanese troops now "threaten the outer positions of Kuala Lumpur" and that Japanese tanks and artillery had crossed a river west of the town, cutting off the rear of British defense forces.

London military quarters acknowledged that British forces had executed a new withdrawal, but declared that they were still about 60 miles north of Kuala Lumpur.

The German radio, quoting "last-minute message from Tokyo," said the Japanese had opened an all-out offensive aimed at Singapore, Britain's No. 1 defense stronghold in the far east.

A British spokesman admitted that so far the British have lost 15 airdromes during retirements in Malaya.

Coinciding with the Japanese land drive southward, Japanese warplanes were reported to have violently attacked military objectives in Dutch Sumatra, across the narrow Malacca strait from Singapore, and raided the big Dutch East Indies naval base at Ambon for the second time in two days.

The British said Japan's Fifth division, veterans of a dozen campaigns in China, was leading the offensives, supported by swarms of bombers and dive-bombers.

Once again—as in France, Greece and Crete—the British appeared to have lost air superiority and were being sorely punished from the skies.

AUTO THIEF GIVEN 7-YEAR PEN TERM

A seven year state prison sentence for auto theft was imposed on Floyd Shepard, 28, by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna yesterday. A two year term was given Robert D. Foster for forgery, and a suspended sentence was given Eddie A. Minkler for passing spurious checks. The latter two were sentenced Tuesday.

British Back Up In Malaya



Black arrows mark main Japanese drives in Malaya, where British have been forced to withdraw from Kuantan (1), and in the west coast area (2), when a seaborne thrust at Kuala Selangor threatened British troops north of there. Extent of withdrawals was not indicated. Jap bombing attacks on Singapore (3), and Johore were reported.

START MACHINERY ON COORDINATION FOR CANTONMENT

Being put in motion today was all the machinery set up months ago by the civilian coordinating board to handle the various problems to be created by construction of an army cantonment here. The coordinator, Frank J. Van Dyke, was back on the job on a full-time basis after official announcement that camp construction had been authorized.

Mr. Van Dyke said all the communities likely to be affected by the cantonment were being lined up to file immediately their applications for various kinds of federal assistance in extending public utilities. The engineering work in the small communities had already been done and all that remained was the filling out of forms for filing with the Seattle office of the defense public works division, federal works agency, he stated.

Housing is to be handled through the defense housing agency at Portland.

Phil Brady, Portland, is council president. Marvin C. Mayo, Medford, is vice president. The council will elect officers at the meeting here.

On Saturday and Sunday the Oregon State Building & Construction Trades Council will hold its semi-annual meeting in the Hotel Medford. About 300 delegates from all parts of the state and the five southwestern Washington counties are expected to attend. The delegates will represent every A. F. of L. union in the council area. Johnny O'Neil, Portland, is council secretary.

Downey Denies Plan To Shift War Plants From Pacific Coast

Washington, Jan. 8.—(P)—Senator Downey (D-Calif.) said today he had learned from "responsible authorities in the war department" that there was "no plan under consideration by our military authorities looking to the removal of any Pacific coast defense industries because of fear of attack by Japanese air forces or submarines."

Downey added in a statement that "while it is possible for a hit-and-run attack by enemy bombers or submarines at some point on the Pacific coast, the consequences of such attacks could not be very serious, and the likelihood of them grows steadily less as the immense military resources of the United States are marshaled and organized to meet all eventualities."

Census records reveal that mothers under 15 years of age bore 3,260 children in 1940, including 15 sets of twins.

Ickes For 40 m. p. h. Speed Limit To Cut Wear and Tear On Tires

Washington, Jan. 8.—(P)—Interior Secretary Ickes, the petroleum coordinator, today assured the nation there was "no immediate prospect" of gasoline rationing as a war measure.

He suggested at his press conference, however, that great savings in rubber, gasoline and automotive equipment could be accomplished through setting of a national speed limit at 40 miles an hour, and he announced such a limit was being established at once in all the national parks under his jurisdiction.

The rubber shortage, Ickes said, would postpone or obviate any need for gasoline rationing. His aides have estimated that tire rationing would result in a 35 per cent reduction in civilian gasoline consumption in 1942.

Tattered Hitlerites Retreating In Blinding African Sandstorm

CANTONMENT TO MAKE NO CHANGE IN S. P. REMOVAL

Post Office Receives Schedule on Trucks To Replace Trains In Mail Hauling.

Protest against discontinuance of the Southern Pacific's only two remaining trains connecting the Rogue River valley with California was to be telegraphed this afternoon to the interstate commerce commission after a telegram from J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent at Portland, asserted there was no change in the company's plan to cancel the trains January 12.

The protest and petition for a desist order were to have been telegraphed yesterday but were deferred when it was thought that official announcement of authorization to build an army cantonment here might persuade the Southern Pacific company to keep the trains on.

The telegram from Mr. Ormandy, however, said that construction workers would use buses, adding that "when the cantonment is completed, undoubtedly we will have substantial special train movements in and out of the new camp which will be provided as required." Meantime, the telegram stated, the company "cannot overlook the necessity of our utilizing all motive power for military purposes."

Signed By Mayors The document embracing the protest and desist petition was signed by the mayors of Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass, the judges of Jackson and Josephine counties and the presidents of the chambers of commerce in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass. A motion expressing the protest sentiment was adopted at a general meeting in the Hotel Medford Tuesday.

Postmaster Frank DeSouza today received a postoffice department bulletin giving the schedules of the trucks that will replace the two trains in transporting mail between Grants Pass and Dunsuir, Cal., where connections will be made with Klamath division trains. The northbound truck will leave Dunsuir at 7:30 a. m. daily after arrival of the train from the south. It is scheduled to arrive at Grants Pass at 2:30 p. m. The southbound truck will leave Grants Pass at 4:30 p. m. daily and is due to arrive at Dunsuir at 11 p. m., connecting with the southbound train. Intermediate schedules were not yet available, Mr. DeSouza said.

The trucks will carry all classes of mail, including registered mail, the postmaster stated.

New York Firemen Battle Flames in Near Zero Weather

New York, Jan. 8.—(P)—A spectacular five-alarm fire swept a midtown Hudson river pier today—the coldest day in six years—and it was hardly under control before a four-alarm blaze was discovered in a six-story warehouse 35 blocks away.

Spray from the firemen's hoses flew through the early morning air like pellets and streams of water froze almost immediately on contact with the burning structures.

Sidewalks, fire apparatus and firemen's clothing and helmets were glazed with ice by the near zero weather.

Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy said the fire did not appear to be of suspicious origin.

The other fire, of undetermined origin, started on the fourth floor of a brick warehouse at 13th street and Sixth avenue.

HEROIC DEFENDERS BRACE SELVES FOR BIG JAP ASSAULT

Gen. MacArthur Says Philippine Forces Will Continue Grim Back-to-Wall Stand

By the Associated Press A war department bulletin said Gen. MacArthur's troops, manning defense lines in the peninsula jungles, were now bracing themselves to meet a "large-scale general attack."

The bulletin said Gen. MacArthur, personally directing the heroic defense against overwhelming odds, reported that the determination and morale of both American and Filipino troops was high and declared: "They will continue their resistance with skill and courage."

Japs Reinforced Fighting of "varying intensity" raged along the narrow front, the war department said, with Japanese reinforcements being brought up to the front.

The latest U. S. war department advice indicated that Americans and Filipinos, hanging on grimly in their back-to-the-wall stand for a corner of Luzon island north and west of Manila, were repeatedly machine-gunned and pounded by the virtually unchallenged Japanese air force.

MORE SLEET FOR PORTLAND REGION

Portland, Jan. 8.—(P)—The weather bureau here, with permission of the second interceptor command, announced that more sleet and sub-freezing weather were in store for the Portland area tonight. An earlier forecast had been for light rains.

The Spaniards established the first permanent colony in New Mexico in 1598 at San Gabriel.

Recreational Center Opened Here for Soldiers, Sailors

The "Out Post," a recreational center for men of Uncle Sam's armed forces, will be opened at 2 p. m. tomorrow at 214½ East Main street by the recreation committee of the Jackson County Council of Defense. It was announced today by Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter, chairman. The premises, the old Johnson jewelry store, have been lent to the committee by M. N. Hogan, lessee of the property.

The place is being redecorated without charge by Frank J. Runtz, painting contractor. Furniture and facilities will be put in place tomorrow morning for the opening at 2 p. m. After tomorrow the Out Post will be open daily from 11 a. m. to 10 p. m. Volunteer workers will run it. Mrs. Larry Schade, Sr., has been appointed chairman of the sub-committee on soldier and sailor clubs. Volunteers who care to assist in running the Out Post were asked to telephone her at 2980 or 2365.

The Out Post will provide facilities for recreation, lounging, reading and writing, much in the manner of the club operated by the committee in the county courthouse last summer for the air corps men who camped out on the Rogue river for three weeks. While most of the furniture and facilities are on hand, the committee would like to have a book case or magazine rack, a small flat-top desk or writing table and new records of modern music for the phonograph. Mrs. Carpenter said. These things, if anyone is able to donate them, may be left at the Out Post tomorrow morning when the premises will be put in readiness for the opening. Committee workers will be there at 9 a. m. Mrs. Carpenter pointed out that the store is too small to accommodate large pieces of furniture.

Thus far the recreation committee has met all service men's needs with what is considered eminent success. One of its most widely-used centers is the canteen at Medford municipal airport, installed some months ago for officers and men of the air corps. The canteen is now operated under the direct supervision of Mrs. William H. Fluhrer.

The recreation committee has also procured ping pong tables for the service men at the armory, there being billiard tables there also.

Fights Off Japs



Lieut. William Leverette Kabler (above), had been awarded the Navy Cross and recommended for immediate promotion to the rank of Lieut. Commander for bringing his ship, the seaplane tender Haron, safely through a 7-hour attack by 15 Japanese bombers in the far east.

A bulletin from British Middle East headquarters said the axis forces, which failed to give battle at Agadabia, 80 miles south of Benghazi, were falling back under cover of a blinding sandstorm.

The communique said British mobile columns were in pursuit, slashing at the axis flanks and rear.

Reds Rip Defense. More good news came from the Soviet battlefield, with Russia's armies officially reported to have advanced within 40 miles of the Vyasma-Bryansk line on which the Germans had been expected to attempt to dig in for the winter.

Soviet dispatches said Russian troops had driven wedges more than half way through Nazi defenses on the central front, ranging as deep as four and one-half miles, including a system of camouflaged dugouts heated by stoves and covered with six or seven tiers of logs.

The dispatches did not say whether these were outposts or part of the main German defenses, but certainly indicated that the invaders expected a long winter's stay.

London newspaper reports said machine-gun posts were being set up at strategic points in Berlin, manned by Hitler's own SS (elite guard) troops, as a precaution against a coup d'etat, but a British foreign office spokesman warned that reports of a possible internal upheaval in Germany should be treated with reserve.

SEEK LOST PLANE IN THIS SECTION

Information was sought here today regarding an overdue army plane that passed over this city about 10:30 a. m. Tuesday and is feared down somewhere south. Army officers are here seeking clues.

The plane was headed south, any anyone hearing an army plane passing over last Tuesday morning is requested to contact the Medford municipal airport, or the sheriff's office. A United Airliner passed over the area about the same time and people are cautioned not to confuse it with the missing plane.

The missing craft was an army photographic plane with a pilot and two enlisted men aboard. It left Fort Lewis earlier Tuesday.

Cigaret Tax Battle Believed in Offing

Portland, Jan. 8.—(P)—Local Tobacco dealers are expected to meet today to draft plans for a court fight on the 2-cent-a-pack cigarette tax which became effective today.

Oswald West, attorney, said a suit was likely. He identified those backing it only as local tobacco dealers.

DAM TRAFFIC UP

Portland, Ore., Jan. 8.—(P)—Bonneville dam traffic was up 46 per cent in 1941 tonnage over 1940, the U. S. district engineer's office said today.