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AXIS SUB SINKS THIRD OIL TANKER

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 19.—All the most active warring nations are beginning to feel the pinch of plane losses.



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The Japs had to withdraw their bombers from the Philippines (virtually ceasing attacks on MacArthur) in order to make the current raids on Singapore.

This is a convincing indication that while we may have underestimated the Jap air strength in the beginning, we are tending to overestimate it now.

The Russians have air supremacy over the Nazis on their front, it is true, but only because they withdrew their planes from the far east. Japan knows this and has been able to cut the wings of her home defense force to the fuselage for the Malayan campaign.

And the Nazis lost their supremacy over the Reds because they had to shift to Libya, Sicily, Sardinia and the south Ukrainian front.

Their losses in Russia run 25 to 30 per cent of their total air force, and Goering's old command is now scattered all around Europe. Yet the Nazis have more than 4,000 planes left and could replace their losses with three months production, if they have the materials.

This is where our swelling plane production will begin to bear weight.

SPECTACULAR Nazi air attack on Malta has been expected the past several days. It is looked upon as no more of a dress rehearsal for an invasion of England, than was the similar conquest of Crete. An entirely different formula would be used for England.

The Nazis want Malta for better reasons than rehearsing. That British stronghold sits astride the route from Italy or Greece to

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Radio Highlights

War-time restrictions on the sale of automobiles is having a reaction on radio. Two programs, both on CBS and both sponsored by auto manufacturers, are being affected.

First to announce a change was the Major Bowes amateur hour which this week will reduce its Thursday night program to 30 minutes and change its format somewhat to meet the new condition.

Now comes an announcement from Detroit that the Sunday evening concert hour will discontinue broadcasting after March 1 for an indefinite period. The program is in its eighth season.

Dialing tonight: The war and Pan-American—5 MBS; 5:55 CBS; 7 MBS; 7:30 Blue; 7:45 CBS; 8:30 Blue; 8:45 CBS; 9:30 NBC; 9:55 NBC CBS Blue.

What to expect Tuesday: The war—3 CBS; 5:55 NBC; 6:45 CBS; 7:45 NBC; 8:30 Blue; 8:45 CBS; 9:30 NBC; 9:55 NBC CBS Blue.

SIDE GLANCES

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Bart Gallagher coming all the way back to Medford from California just for a drink of good water.

Jim Collins rolling his own, not to escape the cigarette tax but in a determined effort to quit smoking altogether.

GREAT HUNT FOR U-BOAT RAIDERS OPENED BY NAVY

Survivors From Unidentified Ship Land In Canada—May Be Fourth Loss.

Washington, Jan. 19.—(P)—Axis undersea raiders, hunters and hunted by turns, stalked new prey today in Atlantic coastal waters, with a third merchantman to the credit of their current foray.

The axis raiders appeared to have reached coastal waters in considerable force and their scattered assaults have touched off a great search by sea and sky, but American authorities are not likely to announce the results of the U-boat hunt until well after any successes.

(By Associated Press)

Twenty-two crewmen of a United States tanker, caught in a whirlpool of flames touched off by the torpedo that shattered their vessel, were given up for lost today—the latest reported victims of an axis U-boat challenge to the defense of the western Atlantic.

The tanker, the 6,635-ton Allan Jackson, of the Standard Oil company, was en route to New York yesterday off the coast of North Carolina when, in the gathering dusk, a torpedo struck her amidships. She was the third tanker so destroyed within five days.

One of the 13 survivors of the 35-man crew said, "the ship seemed to be 'parting in the middle and there was fire everywhere.' So far as could be learned the 13 were the only ones to escape the holocaust.

'Sea of Flames'

Even that group came near to be chopped to death in their lifeboat by the churning propeller of the Alan Jackson before the ship settled in its death agony. They finally pulled away with a strength born of knowledge of certain death if they failed.

The explosion spewed flaming crude oil onto the water and the glare lighted the sea for miles around.

Although the Allan Jackson was the third reported victim of the U-boat offensive into the coastal waters of North America, the arrival of survivors of another sunken ship, an unidentified Panama-registered freighter, at an eastern Canadian port indicated that recent axis toll might be four ships.

One of the survivors of the freighter declared that enemy U-boats were "almost as thick as catfish" in the western Atlantic waters where his ship went down.

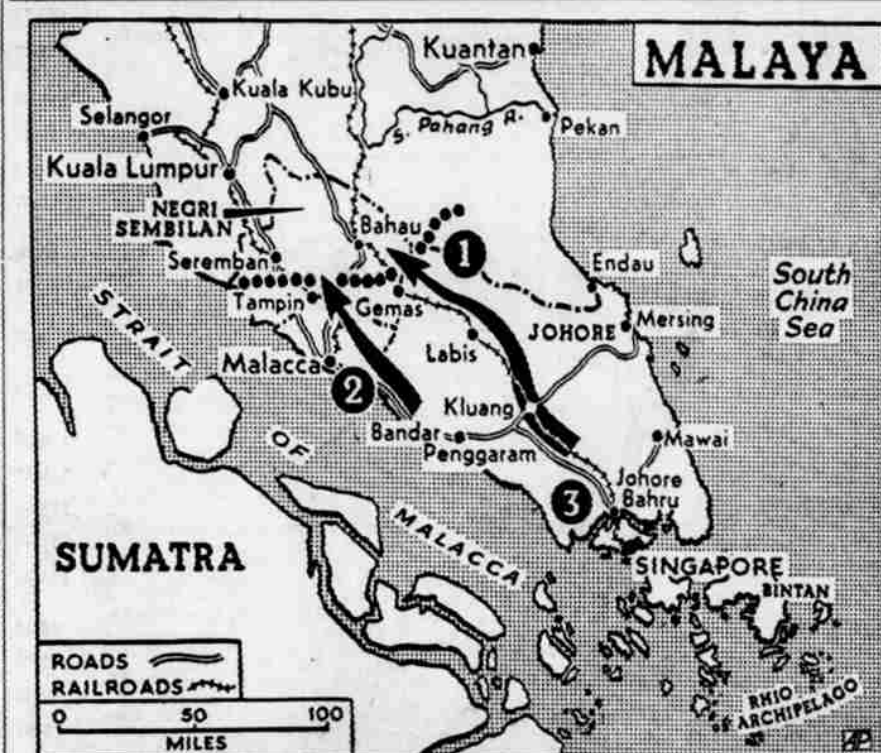
The other known victims of the U-boat campaign were the tanker Norcross, sunk last Wednesday off Long Island, and the tanker Coimbra, which went down within 100 miles off New York City on Thursday.

New York, Jan. 19.—(P)—Philip Murray, CIO president, today advised John L. Lewis, president of the Mine Workers of America, that he would present Lewis' proposal for a resumption of CIO-AFL peace conferences to a meeting of the CIO executive board here Jan. 24.

Murray pointed out in a letter to Lewis, his predecessor as head of the CIO, that all arrangements in behalf of the CIO "with reference to unity with the American Federation of Labor will necessarily have to be initiated through the office of the president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations."

Aussies Halt Nippo Drive Near Singapore

Where Aussies Lead Attack On Japs



Singapore reports said Australian troops pouring north (arrow 1) through Johore from the direction of Singapore (3) had struck hard at Japanese forces in eastern Negri Sembilan province of Malaya, and that British Imperial troops, following the Aussies' success, had inflicted heavy losses on the Japanese in an attack (arrow 2) farther west. The dotted line shows positions the Japs claimed they held in western Malaya.

SPECIAL INQUEST IDENTIFIES BODY OF MISS LOMBARD

Eight Plane Crash Victims In Las Vegas Morgue—Task Difficult.

Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 19.—(AP)—The shattered bodies of actress Carole Lombard and eight other persons among 22 killed in a mountain-top plane crash Friday night lay in a Las Vegas morgue today while men toiled through snow to bring the remaining 13 victims down from the crash scene.

The dead included Miss Lombard and her mother and two other women, the actress' press representative and 13 army fliers, in addition to the pilot and co-pilot.

Recovered from the plane wreckage late yesterday were the remains of two women and seven men.

Wisp of blonde hair "and the general contour of her face" served to enable Edgar J. Manix, vice president of M. G. M. studios, to identify one body as that of Miss Lombard. A three-man jury, conducting a special inquest, decided that she died of injuries sustained in "the crash of a T. W. A. liner en route from Las Vegas to Los Angeles."

Another inquest will be held when all of the bodies have been recovered.

Deputy Coroner Jack Larry said it might not be possible to complete the task of removing the bodies from the remote peak, 35 miles southwest of here, and of identifying them, until tomorrow.

CHURCHILL ACTED AS PLANE PILOT

London, Jan. 19.—(P)—The saga of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's spectacular visit to Washington was given new color today by the disclosure that he personally had piloted part way across the Atlantic the big 74-passenger flying boat in which he returned to Britain Saturday.

The disclosure was made by Commander J. C. Rogers, captain of the plane, who said the prime minister had banked the giant ship through two sweeping turns after getting the feel of the controls.

ARGENTINA, CHILE STALL SEVERANCE AXIS RELATIONS

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 19.—(P)—Mexico presented a proposal to the Pan American conference today to extend to all the united nations the status of non-belligerents in their fight against the axis powers.

Led by Argentina, most of the Latin American countries already have declared the United States a non-belligerent. Among other things, this means that United States warships can enter and leave their ports at will, free of the regulation forcing ships to limit their stays to 24 hours.

The proposal came as the foreign ministers of 19 American republics exerted pressure on Argentina and Chile to line up in a solid western hemisphere severance of relations with the totalitarian nations.

Argentine sources said their delegation wished to present a compromise proposal, but was careful to ascertain whether any stand they suggested had a chance of success.

WAKE PRISONERS REACH YOKOHAMA

Tokyo, Jan. 19.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Showing little signs of their ordeal except beards and soiled uniforms, 1,235 men captured on Wake Island by the Japanese arrived at Yokohama yesterday.

The prisoners included Commander Winfred Cunningham, described as commander of the United States forces on Wake Island, and Nathan Daniel Tetters, civilian in charge of 1,050 defense employees on the island.

The party consisted of 30 officers who wore their uniforms, 423 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men and 782 civilians, most of whom were employed on defense construction projects.

This group was the second to reach Japan. The first prisoners were from Guam.

Boston, Jan. 19.—(P)—USDA—The Boston wool market was quiet today.

ALLIED STRATEGY TO CRUSH HITLER, WAR EXPERT SAYS

Can Give Ground To Japan and Win—Nazi Position Now Serious.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 19.—(P)—Dewitt Mackenzie, Wide World war analyst, declared today allied strategy must not be directed toward the smashing of Japan but toward "the crushing of the mainspring of the entire war—Adolf Hitler."

Predicting ultimate allied triumph, Mackenzie, in an address prepared for the 22nd annual convention of the New York State Publishers' association asserted "we can give ground to Japan temporarily in the orient and still win the world conflict."

The foreign affairs expert said "the one great thing we have to remember is that this is a war of resources coupled with control of the seven seas which must bear those resources to the combatants."

"Our lack of control of the Pacific certainly is a matter of concern," Mackenzie said, but I fear that America for sentimental reasons is laying too much stress on that weakness. The war with Japan is part and parcel of the world upheaval and cannot be dissociated from it in a military sense."

"That being so," he added, "allied strategy must be directed toward concentrating on the major objective. The immediate goal is not the smashing of Japan but the crushing of the mainspring of the entire war—Adolf Hitler."

"When we have finished off the Germans—as we shall—then the rest of the axis structure will collapse. . . ."

"Hitler's position is so serious," he continued, "that unless his proverbial good luck returns to him it will be only a matter of time and not such a long one at that before he will come to the end he deserves."

Kansas City, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Mayor Earl Millikin of Seattle, a former Kansan, said today that war production in that west coast city presented an encouraging picture which tended to allay the fears of civilians already accustomed to blackouts.

M'ARTHUR'S FORCE IN LUZON AWAIT JAP MASS ATTACK

Desultory Moves Reported—Invaders Seize Farms and Food Supply.

Washington, Jan. 19.—(P)—The war department reported today that American army bombers had shot down nine enemy planes in a fight in the Netherlands Indies and, striking for the first time in Malaya, had successfully raided a Japanese held airbase.

Japanese patrols have been active against American and Filipino forces in the Philippines during the last 24 hours but results have been indecisive, the war department reported today.

Ground operations have been of a desultory nature since American troops smashed a heavy Japanese attack, the communiqué said.

Enemy air activities were confined to frequent reconnaissance flights.

General Douglas MacArthur reported that Filipinos in the occupied areas had been deprived of their means of transportation.

He said farmers had been evicted from their farms and formed into labor groups and the invaders had seized harvested crops and food stores.

(By Associated Press)

A gallant band of Americans and Filipinos was contributing materially to the united nations defense of Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies by holding in check a large army of Japanese on Luzon island but there seemed no doubt that its situation was deteriorating.

In two weeks, relentless Japanese pressure has forced the men of General Douglas MacArthur back 20 miles on the Bataan peninsula, even though at tremendous cost to the invaders.

The war department reported yesterday General MacArthur won back some previously lost positions. But there were signs that the Japanese were grouping their preponderant strength for a fresh offensive against the MacArthur army to defeat it as soon as possible and press on to richer fields.

NO AGREEMENT ON FARM AMENDMENT

Washington, Jan. 19.—(P)—Chairman Brown (D-Mich.) said a joint senate-house conference committee appeared today to be farther away from agreement than ever before after a two-hour study of farm amendments to the administration's price control bill.

"Both sides seem to be stiffening in their resistance," Brown told reporters. Senator Danaher (R-Conn.), another conferee, said there appeared to be no agreement in sight.

Chief provision in contention is a senate approved amendment linking farm prices to industrial wages. Opponents have charged this would permit a 25 per cent increase in present food costs.

War Bulletins

London, Jan. 19.—(P)—Reuters heard a Tokyo broadcast today reporting a Japanese imperial headquarters claim that Japanese naval aircraft yesterday scored direct hits on "four enemy ships totalling 5,500 tons" off the Philippine island of Cebu.

London, Jan. 19.—(P)—The admiralty announced tonight that the 800-ton British destroyer Vimiera had been sunk.

The announcement gave no indication when or how she was sunk to the bottom.

Chongking, Jan. 19.—(P)—Chinese reports said today that United States marines captured by the Japanese at Peiping had been put to hard labor in an internment camp.

Moscow, Tuesday, Jan. 20.—(P)—The Russians announced today that their troops had captured "Kombrovo" in the Smolensk district, and other inhabited localities in a steady drive toward the central front.

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 19.—(P)—British naval aircraft scored today hits on a large axis tanker and a destroyer in the central Mediterranean Saturday night, the RAF announced.

RUSMANS LAUNCH MAJOR OFFENSE ON LENINGRAD FRONT

Assault Across Lake Ladoga for 100 Miles—Street Fighting in Moshaisk.

London, Jan. 19.—(P)—The Russian command apparently has opened a major assault across the ice of Lake Ladoga to pinch off the Moshaisk end of the German fronting Leningrad, Soviet sources here said today.

Reports from the ice of the ice-locked lake express of Schlusburg, 25 miles east of Leningrad, said the battle was "increasing in intensity," and that one particularly sustained attack had carried a red army past German defenses between Schlusburg and the Moscow-Leningrad railway. However, the Russians had not yet managed a breakthrough in force, it was said.

This attack to break German Field Marshal General Ritter von Leeb's Leningrad front was reported as another Russian advance said red troops were fighting hand-to-hand in the streets of a burning Moshaisk, 57 miles west of Moscow, and in Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow.

Moscow, Jan. 19.—(P)—Grim Russian soldiers and Nazi troops comprising the "cream of the German forces" are fighting a desperate hand-to-hand battle in the blazing city of Moshaisk, the Russian army newspaper Red Star declared today.

As Russia's great winter offensive gained momentum along the entire front from the Arctic to the Black sea, Red Star also reported that stubborn street fighting was taking place in another town in the Moscow sector whose name was not given.

Moshaisk, 57 miles west of Moscow, was the pivot of the German pincer moves against Moscow last fall and the high point of the Nazi advance upon Moscow from the west.

GUILTY CONSCIENCE

Tacoma, Jan. 19.—(P)—The victim of a guilty conscience, Harold Makus, civilian employee of the post exchange at McChord Field, walked into the police station today and told the first officer he met: "Look me up, I've just stolen \$1,500 in cash from the post exchange."

BRITISH RETREAT FROM TAVOY AND IN JOHORE STATE

Battle in Critical Stage—Imperial Force Beats Off Muar River Drives.

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 19.—(P)—Australia's imperial forces, rushed to the aid of hard-pressed Indian troops in Muar river battle zone northwest of Singapore, were declared today to have stopped the Japanese onrush, beating off almost ceaseless assaults.

"Australians are holding their ground everywhere," Major General Gordon Bennett, commander of the Australian imperials, reported to War Minister Francis Forde.

Bennett said his troops were "sent to stabilize the position in the Muar river area, where Indian troops have been forced to give ground under enemy pressure."

"Almost immediately after the Australians had taken up positions the enemy launched a vigorous tank attack which was beaten off by our troops," Bennett's report to Army Minister Francis Forde said. "The enemy lost eight tanks."

"Again this morning—Monday—the enemy attacked and attacked again, and again, and were defeated by our troops. Australians are holding their ground everywhere."

Rangoon, Burma, Jan. 19.—(P)—British forces have withdrawn from Tavoy, the southern Burma port just across from Japanese-occupied Thailand, a communiqué announced tonight.

It said the withdrawal was made in the face of superior enemy forces and put Burma's defenders in more favorable positions.

The communiqué added that the Japanese already were believed to have based fighter planes on Tavoy.

British planes, it said, carried out several raids resulting in the destruction of one enemy aircraft on an occupied airfield.

Singapore, Jan. 19.—(P)—The battle of Singapore entered a more critical phase today as the British acknowledged a further withdrawal along the west coast of Johore state and reported that the Japanese were hammering heavily at their lines near Segamat, on the central Malay peninsula, 95 miles from Johore Strait.

The withdrawal of the British left flank, in the Muar river area, was carried out, a communiqué said, to meet the threat of Japanese troops filtering southward along the coast.

GERMAN GENERAL SURVIVES KNIFE

Berlin, Jan. 19.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—A Berlin broadcast said today that Field Marshal General Walter von Brauchitsch "had to undergo an operation which was performed satisfactorily despite serious heart trouble from which he had been suffering for two months."

The broadcast added that "the field marshal already is on the way to recovery but afterward will take a prolonged cure." It said Adolf Hitler sent "his best wishes for speedy recovery."