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# ALLIED SHIPS BLAST JAP INVADERS

## News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 21.—Jap successes in the "impenetrable" jungle of Malaya is not hard to understand. Their tactics have contributed nothing new to warfare. No new weapons have been unveiled. To get a notion of what happened there (to disturb again world nations of defense security)

it is necessary first to appreciate that the peninsula is not all jungle. Tin and rubber industries have built fairly good roads through much of the territory along the coast. They raised towns and villages, nearly all furnished with air fields, as the airplane was a common means of commercial transportation. Much of the ground is prairie-like and suitable to tank warfare.

The British defense relied on the sea on one side, the jungle on the other and overestimated the defense nature of rice fields (through which Jap tanks rolled without much effort).

The flank protection of the sea and jungle was broken down by the elementary Jap device of circumvention. When the British formed a strong line, the Japs merely moved around it on both sides with small bodies of troops.

THE jungle side was penetrated by especially trained Jap troops, armed with machetes to cut a path to the British rear.

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## REDS CELEBRATE MOZHAIK TAKING

By the Associated Press  
Russia celebrated her greatest victory of the war today as the Red armies drove six miles beyond fallen Mozhaisk, 57 miles west of Moscow, in pursuit of Adolf Hitler's battered invaders along the Napoleonic road of retreat to Smolensk.

Simultaneously, a bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters acknowledged that Soviet troops had broken through German lines on the upper Donets river—presumably in the fierce battle for the big Donets river steel city of Kharkov, Russia's "Pittsburgh" in the Ukraine.

## Radio Highlights

(Time Is Pacific Standard)  
Tonight: MBS—8:15 Fight Infante Paralysis, Paul V. McNutt; 7:45, Dean Austin Pardue on "Our Morale."

Thursday: The War—5:35 Blue; 6 CBS; 7 MBS; 7:15 Blue MBS; 8 MBS; 8:15 MBS; 9 CBS MBS; 10:45 NBC and Blue; 11 MBS; 12:55 p. m., CBS; 1 MBS; 1:45 CBS, MBS; 1:55 Blue; 3 CBS, MBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:45 CBS Blue.

## SIDE GLANCES

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New City Treasurer Oris Crawford passing out cigars and candy at council meeting.

Poleecee Chief Clatous McCredie and Doc L. Dow Inskip keeping up an animated conversation all through council meeting, their mumbling being at least 10 decibels above ordinance-reading Frank Farrell's best.

Councilman Clarence Meeker wishing Copeo would talk in terms of the understandable "watt" instead of the unintelligible "lumen" in discussing light contracts.

## WARSHIPS AIDING EFFORT TO HALT SINGAPORE DRIVE

Admission From Tokyo Reveals Allied Ships Firing On Nippons In Malay.

By Roger D. Greens  
(Associated Press War Editor)  
Allied warships were reported shelling Japan's invasion armies swarming down the Malay coast 60 miles north of Singapore today, and the United Nations were further heartened by President Roosevelt's disclosure that "the Yanks are coming" with A.E.F. vanguards already in action or en route to far-flung battle zones.

In the Philippines, a war department bulletin said Gen. Douglas MacArthur's valiant American-Filipino defense forces had driven back the Japanese invaders with heavy losses "in particularly savage fighting" on the Batan peninsula.

Jap Losses Heavy  
The communique said Japanese troops had gained "some initial successes" by infiltrations and frontal attack near the center of the line before counter-attacking U. S. army forces hurled them back and recaptured all lost ground.

"Enemy losses were very heavy," the communique said. "Our casualties were relatively moderate."

Far north of the main battle sector, in upper Luzon Island, the war department said a guerrilla band of Gen. MacArthur's forces staged a surprise raid on a Japanese airfield at Tuguegarao, killing 110 enemy troops and putting 300 others to flight.

Coincidentally, the Russian army newspaper Red Star estimated that about 6,000 American and 32,000 Filipino native troops were opposing 100,000 Japanese in Luzon.

An official Tokyo broadcast asserted that allied warships had entered the critical battle of Singapore even as Japan's navy minister, Vice Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, boasted that the Japanese navy "virtually commands the Pacific from Malaya and the Indies to the west coast of the United States."

Tojo Boastful  
On the same exultant note, Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo asserted that Japan planned "increasingly vigorous operations" in the Pacific and would continue fighting until the United States and Britain were "brought to their knees."

Japanese front-line dispatches said battle flags of the rising sun were advancing southward along the Malay west coast "in spite of gunfire from enemy ships" in the Strait of Malacca, which lies between the Malay peninsula and the Dutch East Indies island of Sumatra.

British military quarters conceded that Japanese troops, apparently arriving in small boats which hugged the shore, continued to land along the Malay coast during the past 24 hours, striking ahead of the main Japanese invasion army to harass the British west flank.

## \$65.52 Collected In Warplane Drive

Contents of half of the 100 tins being used in the Redmen-Pocahontas "penny-a-plane" campaign were collected for the first time yesterday and the penalties totalled \$65.52, it was announced at a meeting of the lodges last night. The other 50 cans were to be emptied today.

The tins were first put out around town a week ago yesterday. The money is to be sent directly to the secretary of war for use in paying for fighter planes.

BEACH BAN CLARIFIED  
Astoria, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—The army said yesterday that northern Clatsop county beaches, except those in the immediate vicinity of military installations, would remain open to the public. The announcement clarified an order which was believed at first to prohibit the use of resort beaches and commercial clam-digging areas.

## Against



Enrique Ruiz Guinazu, Argentina's foreign minister (above), says his country will not participate in any move that would involve her in "belligerent or pre-belligerent actions" against the axis.

## RIO CONFEREES VOICE SYMPATHY FOR CONQUERED

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The defense committee of the Pan American conference unanimously adopted a resolution today expressing sympathy for axis-occupied countries and assuring recognition to their governments in exile.

Delegates said the big test of Pan American solidarity—action on the resolution to break off relations with the axis which Argentina has said she would oppose—would not come to committee vote until tomorrow.

Hopes that Argentina might fall into line on the proposal to break relations with the axis were dealt a blow last night by Argentina's acting president, Ramon S. Castillo, who said his government could not modify its attitude toward the proposal.

## DEFENSE SAVINGS PLEDGE CAMPAIGN MAKES PROGRESS

The general response was excellent on the first day of the national defense savings bond pledge campaign, Moore Hamilton, director, stated today.

The house to house canvass will continue for a week and much of the calling will have to be transferred to the evening because so few persons are home during the day, Mr. Hamilton said.

The campaign started off auspiciously for Mr. Hamilton himself. Right after sunup a patriotic business man and World War I veteran called upon Mr. Hamilton and pledged to buy a \$100 bond every month. Several other such pledges were made during the day, the director said, adding, however, that pledges of any amount, including a ten-cent stamp, are just as welcome because the pledge campaign is intended to show the government how much defense stamp and bond money can be expected regularly each week and month.

"No one should pledge more than he feels he can afford to keep up regularly," Mr. Hamilton said.

## Cupid Takes Holiday Since First of Year

A lull has come in activities of Dan Cupid in Jackson county, and so far this month only nine marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk's office.

# Nelson to Abolish P.M. in New Set-Up

## COUNCIL ADOPTS REGULATION FOR TRAILER INFLUX

Ten-Year Renewal of Copeo Franchise Is Approved—Up Contractor License.

Anticipating an influx of transient army cantonment workers, the city council last night adopted a comprehensive ordinance regulating trailers and trailer camps.

The ordinance pertained principally to health and sanitation. A license fee of \$3 was established.

The council approved a ten-year renewal of a franchise and a lighting contract with the California Oregon Power company. Aside from minor changes in phraseology, both franchise and contract were identical with the existing ones which are expiring.

City Attorney Frank P. Farrell said. Councilman Harold Frye stated calculations he made showed the franchise to be favorable to the city and Mr. Farrell said it was superior to the average city franchise.

To Push Walk Repair  
The city attorney was authorized to bring such proceedings as may be necessary to accomplish the repair of sidewalks which are considered hazardous and assess the cost against the abutting property. Councilman Frank J. Runtz reported that over the past few years about 600 sidewalks have been repaired by the property owners themselves but that 171 walks where notices have been served remain to be done, the total cost being estimated at about \$1700.

On recommendation of the building and light committee, the license fee for electrical contractors was increased from \$50 to \$100 for the first year and from \$25 to \$50 for renewals; the electrical merchandise license was retained, merchants previously having petitioned for its repeal; and T. H. Barry was appointed a deputy plumbing inspector, his compensation to be part of the fees collected. Councilman Larry Schade said the electrical contractors themselves asked for the fee increase.

A retail beer class C license was granted Charles Bateman for the restaurant he plans opening at 127 East Sixth street, the former Japanese-owned Diamond cafe.

The council approved sale of lot 21, block 2, Kenwood addition, to Lee E. Watson for the appraised price of \$175.

## RAILROADS GAIN FARE INCREASE

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The interstate commerce commission granted today an increase of approximately 10 percent in railroad passenger fares, except for special rates to members of the military or naval forces on furlough and certain extra fares applying to particular trains.

The order did not cover the railroads' application for a similar increase in freight rates, which the commission said it still has under consideration.

## ALERT AIR CONTROLLER PREVENTS BLACKOUT

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Alertness of a controller on duty at the fourth interceptor command in establishing the identity of an approaching airplane as friendly and thereby preventing a complete blackout of the San Francisco bay region early today was commended by headquarters of the fourth army and western defense command.

## Tires and Tubes Slashed, Ruined; 100 Must Walk

Hanover, Pa., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Three hundred automobiles and tractor tires and tubes were slashed and ruined here last night by an unidentified vandal, who broke into garages and showrooms.

Chief of Police Jesse Crabbs said 100 business men, farmers and defense workers are unable to use their machines as a result of the destruction.

Crabbs expressed belief that the same instrument—"probably a sharp knife"—was used on all the tires.

## INTERNING OF ALL WEST COAST JAPS SOUGHT BY SOLON

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Rep. Leland M. Ford (R-Calif.) said in a statement today that he was taking up with government officials "the seriousness of the Japanese situation on the west coast" and advocated moving all Japanese, native born and alien, to concentration camps.

Ford said he was taking up the question with the secretaries of state, war, navy and the FBI. He said the question was "rather touchy in some quarters due to the fact many Japanese are native born."

"He feels that these native-born Japanese may not be any more loyal than are the foreign born," the statement said, "but stated that again there may be those who are loyal and therefore he is taking the position that those who are loyal, if they really are, should be willing to acquiesce in the movement of all Japanese people to whatever location the military authorities think they ought to be, and develops the fact that other loyal Americans are enlisting in the army and navy and air forces and are willing to give their lives for their country, and if these men are willing to make their contribution to the safety and welfare of the country, he believes it is not asking too much of the Japanese to make theirs in the form of permitting themselves to be placed in concentration camps, although they may be loyal."

## JACK DEMPSEY TAKES STATE GUARD RATING

New York, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, who was refused by the army because of his age, 46, was sworn in today as a lieutenant in the New York state guard and assigned as aide-de-camp to the commanding general, Major General William Otman.

Vashon, Wash., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. George J. Smith swelled with pride when son John won an appointment to Annapolis. They were proud again when son George was chosen for West Point. John and George are twins.

# Defense Profits Control Bill Is Result of Blunt Criticism

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Far-reaching legislation to compel "special interest" groups to submit accountings of their funds and to limit profits on defense work was prepared today to meet the house naval committee's blunt criticism of practices it declared were current.

Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) said he would introduce immediately a bill to require "big chambers of commerce, labor unions and all special interest groups" to report to a federal agency their assets, liabilities, contributions and expenditures.

Well-informed congressional circles said that such a program had been discussed by President Roosevelt with conferees on labor legislation two months ago.

At the same time, Vinson said he was working on a second bill designed to prevent the "excessive and unconscionable" profits which the committee declared some corporations had made on naval contracts.

## SUPPLY OF MILK FOR CANTONMENT TO BE DISCUSSED

Meeting Tonight at Court House To Be Attended By Producers, Distributors.

The problems facing southern Oregon dairymen in providing an adequate supply of approved market milk for the army cantonment and the considerable increase in civilian population expected in this area will be discussed at a meeting of producers and distributors in the county court house tonight at 7:30. All producers and distributors are urged to attend.

The meeting was called by the planning committee of the dairy industry in this section, Frank R. Rowe, representative of the Oregon Milk Control Board in this district, Robert Fowler, county agent and Paul Carpenter, farm economist connected with the extension service at Oregon State college.

Need Big Supply  
Mr. Rowe said the cantonment will tax to the utmost the dairy facilities of the Rogue River valley. He explained that the production of fluid market milk for human consumption must conform to rigid sanitary rules and regulations as laid down by the sanitary authorities.

Citing figures, he said that the total production of market milk by dairymen in the Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass districts for December, 1941, was 87,000 gallons, and estimated that the demand to care for the cantonment and the increased civilian population would be 185,000 gallons after the camp was occupied, and 105,000 gallons during its construction.

Sales in the bottle and can trade for December totaled 75,000 gallons, leaving a surplus of 12,000 gallons, much of which went into ice cream and other products, he stated.

## British Primate Who Forced Edward Out Will Resign Office

London, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England and a central figure in forcing the abdication of King Edward VIII, announced today he would resign March 31 to make way for a younger man.

The archbishop, the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Cosmo Gordon Lang, was 77 years old last October 31 and has been the Archbishop of Canterbury since July 27, 1928.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Thirty-three miners were killed and 30 injured today in a fire-damp explosion in a coal mine at St. Etienne, only important coal mining town in unoccupied France.

## War Bulletins

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The navy department announced today two more attacks on steamers by enemy submarines off the Atlantic coast with one ship sunk, the other believed sunk, and a list of 48 men dead and missing.

The steamers were the American ship City of Atlanta, which was sunk either by shell fire or torpedoes, and the Latvian steamer Citivra.

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The worst sand and rain storms seen in Libya in 10 years are hampering the movements of British land and air forces attempting to strike at Gen. Erwin Rommel's axis forces along the Gulf of Sirte, British headquarters said today.

## PUC HEARING ON LOSS OF TRAINS SET FOR JAN. 26

Grants Pass, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A preliminary PUC investigation will be held Jan. 26 at Salem on Southern Pacific abandonment of passenger service in part of southern Oregon, Commissioner Ormond Bean announced in Salem today.

The hearing in Yreka has been postponed to February 9, according to word received here late this afternoon.

Plans have been made here for representatives of the Jackson county court, the city and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to attend a hearing on Monday on the Southern Pacific company's action in discontinuing the last remaining train service for passengers and mail between the Rogue River valley and northern California, Frank Hull, chamber of commerce manager said today.

If the hearing in Salem should be held on the same day, as the announcement from Grants Pass states, there will be a serious conflict and a division in the strength that otherwise could be mustered, it was pointed out. There has been indication of a growing lack of confidence in the southern Oregon leadership in the railroad deal, there being a feeling that Yreka and Siskiyou county of California have shown greater resourcefulness and persistence than have been manifest here.

In this connection it has been indicated that the Ashland Chamber of Commerce is looking more to Yreka for leadership than to Medford. The railroad protest for southern Oregon communities was placed in the hands of Niel R. Allen of Grants Pass.

Despite the war Rotary clubs are carrying on in Sweden, Finland and Switzerland.

## WAR PRODUCTION CHAIRMAN PLANS FULL AUTHORITY

Six Major Divisions Under Board To Displace Contract Distribution Unit.

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Donald M. Nelson announced today he would abolish the office of production management and bring all of its functions and activities under his authority as chairman of the new war production board.

Nelson told a press conference he was setting up six major divisions under the board, eliminating the old contract distribution division entirely, and incorporating the priorities and allocations system under a new division of industry operations charged with full responsibility for the conversion of all possible American industry to war production.

He said an important branch of the new set-up would be a requirements committee, headed by William L. Batt, Philadelphia industrialist, and composed of representatives of the army, navy, lend-lease administration and all other agencies concerned with production of raw materials.

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The reorganization, "effective as soon as the orders can be drawn," was described by the war production chief as an interim plan subject to possible future revision.

"Any revolutionary changes would only bring delay," he commented. As a first move in the conversion program, Nelson appointed Ernest Kanzler, long-time associate of Henry Ford and formerly in charge of Ford production, to head up the automobile conversion program with "all the authority I've got to get that job done."

Illustrating the authority delegated to Kanzler, Nelson asserted: "If there are tools in Ford's factory that are needed in General Motors . . . they will be moved over."

Last night Nelson commanded the automobile industry to halt production February 1 and turn its full power to war production.

## Allotment to Family by Enlisted Men Has Army, Navy Support

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—War and navy department support "in principle" was claimed by interested legislators today for proposed legislation requiring enlisted men in the armed services to allot \$15 of their monthly pay to dependent wives and children, with the government matching or bettering that with an additional allowance to families.

Such was the system adopted six months after the United States entered the world war in 1917. Before the armistice, about 400,000 men were making allotments to relatives struggling in the economic backwash of the war.

Rep. Edmiston (D-W. Va.) introduced the new legislation after conferences with leaders of veterans' organizations. He said today that service officials favored its objective, but questioned its government allowances, in some instances much higher than those in the 1917 act. The measure would cover regulars as well as selectees.

BARRACKS COMMANDER  
Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Lieut. Col. Raymond F. Edwards, Fort Custer, Mich., infantry officer, was named yesterday as new post commander for Vancouver Barracks. He will replace Lieut. Col. J. W. Crispy, who has held the position two months.