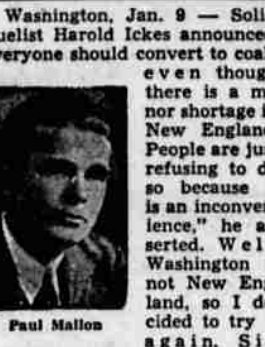


News Behind The News by Paul Mallon



Washington, Jan. 9 — Solid Fuelist Harold Ickes announced everyone should convert to coal...

I HAD finally obtained 300 gallons shortly after my furnace went out last night.

But I finally got the furnace going again today and went to see the dealer about conversion...

THE dealer took half my coupons, saying I had already used them so far this winter.

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WAVELL'S TROOPS CLOSE TO AKYAB, IN BURMA DRIVE

New Delhi, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's troops, aided by powerful air support, have penetrated the Japanese defenses of Burma...

Resuming the offensive first launched in mid-December, Wavell's forces now are in contact with the enemy on both sides of the Mayu river...

Occasional encounters have taken place during the past few days," it said.

Wavell's communique and one issued by Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's American headquarters in China reported Allied air attacks on widely-separated points throughout Japanese-held Burma...

His communique also reported P-40 fighter-plane attacks on Japanese installations at Magshih on the Yunnan border...

DEADLOCK LOOMS OVER PRESIDENCY OF STATE SENATE

Caucus Called Tonight To End Tie—M'Allister Stated As House Speaker.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—The Oregon legislature, faced with a session geared to the tempo and tune of the national war program, may go into its opening session here Monday morning with the issue of the presidency of the senate still in doubt.

Assortedly split, 15-15, on pledged votes for the seat which carries with it the honors and responsibilities of the lieutenant governorship, Senators Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland and W. H. Steiwer of Fossil will cross swords in the first bout Sunday night at a pre-session caucus...

Sen. Steiwer reportedly would rather see the election cut and dined in the caucus, while his feminine opponent is said to favor delaying the showdown until the formal ballot in the senate Monday.

Overshadowed by the senate fireworks, the house of representatives is slated to run quickly through the formality of naming William H. McAllister of Medford as speaker and await organization of the senate so that the two houses can convene in joint session for Governor Charles Sprague's report and the inauguration of Earl Snell as his successor.

Following incoming Governor Snell's inaugural address, the two houses will be ready to plunge into the study of finances and legislation. Both are likely to be colored to a great extent by the change from peace to war since the lawmakers last met.

War prosperity has resulted in a surplus of over \$11,000,000 in income tax revenues, which may attract efforts to enlarge appropriations or reduce taxes, or which again may figure strongly in plans for the time when the state changes back to a peacetime economy.

Mingled with war-borne problems will be other measures—old age pensions, milk control, reorganization of the state tax structure, sales tax, modernization of the state hospital and improvements at the state penitentiary.

TRAIL OF BLOOD LEADS TO ARREST

San Francisco, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—Police tonight laid John Cochran, 20-year-old merchant marine seaman, in connection with the attempted rape of a blonde army nurse in her room at Fort Mason.

He was trailed to his ship by blood dripping from his hand after he was hurt in leaping from a second-story window.

Officer Mervyn Chiolino said the nurse was asleep in her room at the army military reservation when she was awakened by the youth. She screamed, and the intruder jumped from the window, cutting his hand. When police discovered blood beneath the window, they followed the trail to Cochran's ship.

Admiral Nimitz Honors Son



For successful accomplishment of a dangerous mission in enemy controlled waters, Lieutenant Chester W. Nimitz Jr., right, submarine executive officer, receives the Silver Star Medal from his father, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet. The ceremony took place at Pearl Harbor.

SEEK PROBE FOR JAP CAMPS FOOD, SCHOOL PROGRAM

Washington, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—Reports that scarce foodstuffs were made available in plenty to Japanese-American war relocation camps in the far west, while residents of surrounding areas were subject to strict rationing, brought congressional demands tonight for investigation of various phases of the relocation program.

Rep. F. Leroy Johnson, R., Cal., said he had received "numerous reports and rumors" that huge shipments of scarce foods—including eggs, butter, sugar, coffee and meats—were furnished the camps. Residents of nearby areas had difficulty in obtaining their allotted amounts under the rationing program, according to the reports.

Johnson introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of these reports, and of the allegedly "elaborate system of education" contemplated for the relocation projects.

YANKEE SUB SANK FIRST SHIP WITH DECK GUN

New London, Conn., Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—The American submarine was cruising on the surface "at the very doorstep of Japan" when a big enemy merchant vessel loomed directly ahead.

The crew, witness to the Japanese treachery at Pearl Harbor, "was a blood-thirsty lot," and the captain apparently had neither the time nor the inclination to submerge. He turned to his gun pointer and said: "Hit the bridge with the first shell."

The gun pointer, Ensign Samuel E. Clark, of Birmingham, Ala., turned his sights on a perfect target dead ahead—a big red rising sun painted on the bridge—and the submarine's deck gun went off. Two more shells slammed into the Japanese craft. She caught fire and then went down.

That was the story told by Ensign Clark today at this submarine base, the story of the first United States submarine to patrol boldly off Tokyo's harbor, and the first undersea boat to sink an enemy with its deck gun.

A submarine needs 250,000 pounds of lead for storage batteries and 200,000 pounds for batteries, altogether as much as goes into the storage batteries of 8,200 automobiles.

ERROL FLYNN TO DENY STORIES OF TEEN-AGE GIRLS

Film Star Goes On Trial Tomorrow — "Shakedown" Try Hinted.

Hollywood, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—Errol Flynn, swashbuckler of the movie heroics, will testify in his own defense and deny the stories of two teen-age girls that he attacked them, on one occasion without removing his shoes, his attorney announced tonight.

Flynn goes on trial Monday on three counts of statutory rape in the film city's most sensational case since actress Mary Astor's lurid diary was read into court records in 1936.

Betty Hansen, 17, screenstruck Nebraska school girl, testified at Flynn's preliminary hearing that she permitted Flynn to undress her, remove all his own clothing except his footwear, and then become intimate with her in an upstairs bedroom at a gay Hollywood party.

Peggy Larue Satterlee, 17, Hollywood dancer, asserted at the hearing that Flynn invited her to view the moon from a porthole of his palatial yacht, the Sirocco, during a trip to Cherry Cove at Catalina island. She added that she submitted twice to his advances after he pushed her upon the stateroom bunk below the porthole.

"When the defense gets its ining, Flynn will take the stand in a complete and frank personal defense," Attorney Jerry Giesler, one of the west's outstanding criminal lawyers, revealed.

"We are planning to develop all the facts and all particulars in this case to the utmost. And that includes the motives of all parties concerned, every angle and every detail that has any bearing."

The handsome film actor had steadfastly maintained his innocence and appealed to his world-wide screen audience to withhold judgment. Flynn returned a week ago from a vacation in Mexico during which he saw much of Ann Sheridan, curvaceous film beauty.

The defense was expected to develop statements of Peter Stackpole, photographer for Life and Time magazines, who took pictures of Flynn and Miss Satterlee aboard the star's yacht. His testimony at Flynn's hearing last November hinted at possibility of a "shakedown" attempt.

LABOR PROSPECTS ON FARMS BETTER

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—L. C. Stoll, Oregon area director for the war manpower commission, today predicted the approach of a general "leveling off" of the record employment at Portland shipyards.

Speaking before the annual meeting of the C.I.O. State Industrial Union council, Stoll told delegates that April 1 had been forecast as the date on which the leveling off process would be manifested.

He said facts and figures would be released shortly to substantiate his prediction. Stoll was optimistic over labor prospects in agriculture. "I think the agricultural situation will be better," he said. "I realize it is a broad statement and that I'm out on a limb, though," he added.

RATION BANKING PROVISIONS STARTS ON JANUARY 27

Ration Stamps Are To Be Cleared Through Nation's Banks—Is Compulsory.

Washington, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration tonight announced details of its new ration banking program under which coupons taken in by storekeepers and other sellers of rationed commodities will flow back to primary suppliers through the nation's 15,000 commercial banks.

Operation of the program—which will begin on a nationwide basis Jan. 27—parallels that of the ordinary checking account. The public is not directly affected since the program starts where public buying of rationed commodities leaves off. Its purpose is to simplify clearance of ration "paper" through the many necessary steps.

After the public has turned in ration stamps and certificates to storekeepers and coupons to gasoline dealers, they will be cleared through the banks instead of through local rationing boards. Consumers will continue to get their stamps, coupons, and certificates from the boards, however.

Those for whom ration banking becomes compulsory Jan. 27 are:

1. Retailers of rationed foods whose December, 1942, sales of all food merchandise totaled \$5,000 or more. (Other food retailers may open ration bank accounts if they wish.)
2. Chain stores.
3. Food wholesalers and other food distributors below the retail level.
4. Gasoline wholesalers and other distributors of gasoline except retailers. (Fuel oil is excepted from the plan for the present.)

JOBS FOR ALL IS PRESIDENT'S PLAN WHEN WAR ENDED

Washington, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—Jobs for all—rather than social security—will receive the major emphasis when and if President Roosevelt presents to congress a blueprint for post-war planning, it was learned tonight.

A concrete plan already has been submitted to Mr. Roosevelt, but thus far its drafters have been unable to persuade him to place it before the public. This plan is radically different from the still-undisclosed "American Beveridge report" drawn by the National Resources Planning Board, which the "jobs-for-all" group believes is inadequate and unworkable.

It was said that the president thus far has made no decision on whether the new plan should be submitted to congress for consideration, or whether a different course—the mere presentation of a basis for discussion—would be followed.

In the latter event, it would be up to congress to dig in, develop the plan from scratch and enact implementing legislation. Social security, it was said, will not be overlooked. The post-war program would be extended to cover virtually every person.

NO NEW CUTS FOR GAS CARDS LOOMS

Washington, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—Price and Ration Administrator Leon Henderson held out hopes today to motorists that the value of their rationing coupons will not be further reduced in the near future, and pledged continued opposition to proposals that "A" books be eliminated.

He took this stand at a press conference during which he also endorsed an OPA-prepared plan calling for the investment of billions of dollars in consumer goods during the war, for delivery in post-war years.

Declared that coffee supplies are adequate to meet rationed demands.

War Bulletins

New York, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—Gutav Siegfried Eins, the clandestine radio station understood to be operated by dissident Germans, said tonight that Gen. Kurt Zeitzler was about to be dismissed by Adolf Hitler as chief of staff of the German high command.

Hitler was said to be disappointed in the results Zeitzler was achieving on the Russian front. He has held the post since Hitler, following his "military intuition" discharged Gen. Frans Halder as chief of staff.

With the United States Army Air Forces in China, Jan. 9 —(D e l a y e d)—American bombers, stabbing again at key Japanese supply bases in Burma, rained destruction today on a mile-long barracks and warehouse area at the Burma-Yunnan border town of Bhamo.

ENEMY POSITIONS AT KISKA AND IN SOLOMONS RAKED

Results Of Aleutian "Softening Up" Attack Not Observed, Navy Says.

By Alton B. Parker Washington, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—American airmen on Thursday continued their relentless pounding at Japanese installations on both ends of the Pacific battle line—the Solomons and the Aleutians—the navy revealed today.

They bombed "enemy positions" at Kiska in the Aleutians but were unable to observe results; bombed "enemy areas" and shot down two Japanese Zero fighter planes at Bougainville island, about 300 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, and started big fires and damaged two float-type enemy planes at Rekata bay, 135 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

U. S. warplanes operating from Guadalcanal and Alaskan fields have been hammering at the enemy, wherever his installations are within reach, almost daily for some time.

In the Aleutians, they appear to be trying to "soften up" the Japanese for a final effort to oust them from the area. In the Solomons, the raids apparently are also designed to help bombers from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's southwest Pacific command in their effort to break up the huge shipping concentration which the Japanese are reported to be collecting at Rabaul and nearby bases.

The Thursday raid on Kiska was carried out by four-engineered Consolidated "Liberator" bombers. They "dropped bombs on enemy positions at Kiska," the navy said, "but results were not observed."

YANK AIR FORCE SENT TO CYPRUS

London, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—United States air force units have been transferred from Syria to the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, which Turkish officials believe will become an important war theatre next spring, the German news agency JNB reported today in a broadcast heard by the United Press.

BULLETIN

The Medford high school basketball team lost to Roseburg 27 to 26 in a hard fought and thrilling game at Roseburg last night. The Tornado was ahead 26 to 25, with less than 30 seconds to play. A desperation heave, with the ball in the air when the final gun sounded, whiffed through the basket.

JAP AIR LOSSES IN NEW GUINEA BATTLE SERIOUS

Transports Sunk Off Lae—Trap Sanananda Force—Papuan Drive Ends.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Sunday, Jan. 10 —(U.P.) The three-day battle between Allied planes and a Japanese convoy, which had heavy fighter plane coverage, has ended off Lae in victory for the Allied forces which drove off the convoy's remnants after it had landed some troops, supplies and equipment, today's communique reported.

Two more Japanese transports were hit, the communique announced, and 39 Japanese fighter planes were shot down, in addition to the 73 previously reported shot down or damaged, during the third 24-hour period of the battle between Friday and Saturday afternoons.

The convoy consisted of two cruisers, four destroyers and six transports. Out of these, three transports were sunk and three received direct hits. Incensed dog fights over the convoy resulted in a total of 77 Japanese fighters being destroyed, while Allied losses were comparatively negligible.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Sunday, Jan. 10 —(U.P.)—Direct bomb hits were scored on two more Japanese transports off Lae, New Guinea, Saturday, a communique said today.

With the dawn, 39 more Jap fighter planes were shot down and four destroyed on the ground. Seventeen other Japanese planes were "probably destroyed."

A spokesman said, "The enemy's air losses during the past days in this area may be regarded as serious."

At Sanananda, New Guinea, the allies were increasing pressure on the Japanese ground forces trapped there.

Text of today's communique: Northeastern sector. New Guinea—Huon Gulf—The convoy which attempted to reinforce the enemy garrison at Lae was joined by two additional merchant vessels. Our air force of all categories continuously attacked throughout the day and night. One transport received six direct hits and was left burning. Another transport was hit fire, aft and amidships and was beached.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Jan. 9 —(U.P.)—Allied air forces gave warning today that they are ready to blast any attempt to reinforce sorely-pressed Japanese troops in New Guinea.

Allied planes attacked a crippled transport, two cruisers and four destroyers at Lae on Huon Gulf after a three-day battle against a Japanese convoy in which Americans and Australian airmen had sunk three transports and either destroyed or damaged 73 enemy planes.

Allied losses were reported to be relatively small. Gen. MacArthur returned to his Australian headquarters after personally directing the Papuan campaign in which all but one small Japanese center of Japanese resistance—that at Sanananda Point—were mopped up in the Buna sector.

"The dead of Bataan should rest a little easier tonight," he said.

NANKING PUPPET WARS ON ALLIES Tokyo, Jan. 9 —(Japanese Broadcast Recorded by U.P. at New York)—The Nanking government of China, pledging cooperation with Japan toward establishment of "a new order in greater east Asia on an ethical basis," declared war on the United States and Britain yesterday. The Japanese news agency Domei reported tonight. (At New York, the office of war information said the declaration was made by Wang Ching-Wei, whom it described as "the Chinese Quisling who has been cooperating fully with the Japanese since they set him up as head of the puppet Nanking government in the occupied part of China.") (Wang recently visited Tokyo, OWI said.)