

## U. S. CONTROLS SOUTH CHINA SEA HALSEY DECLARES

Jap Navy Has Lost More Than Any Fleet Before In History of Warfare

By Lloyd Tupling  
United Press War Correspondent  
With Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet, Jan. 24—(Via navy radio)—Japanese control of the South China sea has been broken and forces of the U. S. Pacific fleet can operate in it "any time we want to," Adm. William F. Halsey declared today.

"To put it in boxing terms, we've got him on his heels and we are going to keep on socking him wherever we find him," Halsey said in a statement summarizing operations covering the five months since he took command of the third fleet.

**Can't Hang On**  
"You might add that even their monkey tails are worn out and they can't hang on very well," he said.

Halsey, whose flagship has covered 81,650 miles, equivalent to two round-the-world cruises, warned however, that "the enemy fleet will make some sort of recovery in time. The Japanese navy still is licking its wounds from the October 24 to 26 beating."

Commenting on enemy air power, Halsey added:  
"Japanese pilot training is behind their production—if Jap air power is what the Japs say it is."

Airmen of Halsey's fleet have destroyed a total of 4370 Jap planes in five months—1904 in aerial combat and 2466 burned and destroyed on the ground. The record showed the third fleet inflicted a greater loss upon the Japanese than ever inflicted by any fleet of any country on an enemy.

**80 Warships Sunk**  
A total of 80 warships were sunk, including one battleship, four aircraft carriers, four heavy cruisers, three light cruisers, 21 destroyers, 18 destroyer escorts, four submarines and 35 small combat ships. The fleet also damaged 152 other warships, including eight battleships, eight heavy cruisers, eight light cruisers, 32 destroyers and 42 escort vessels.

The Japanese merchant fleet lost a total of 563 vessels sunk and 1011 ships and small craft damaged as a result of action by the third fleet. Transport ships sunk were estimated at 778,000 tons, approximately one fourth of the Jap merchant fleet. Halsey, whose 3700 mile cruise in the South China sea cut the last sea route to Japan's southern empire, declined to pick out a single, outstanding accomplishment, emphasizing that the "overall picture is the important thing."

**WEATHER, CONGESTION HALT PEAR SHIPMENTS**  
Due to traffic congestion and storm conditions no pear shipments were made from the Rogue River valley last week, but packers said the restrictions would be lifted this week. D'Anjous, Winter Nells, and some P. Barry pears remain to be shipped. They have been going out at the rate of 10 to 15 cars per week. It is not expected the storage plants will be cleared before mid-April or the first of May.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

## NAVY VET TAKES OVER IN MEDFORD SERVICE STATION

Herb Crain, specialist first class, in charge of the Medford recruiting station for the last two years, was honorably discharged from the service Saturday and today took over the management of the Texaco service station at Sixth and Grape streets.

Crain returned Sunday from Portland where he received his discharge papers and was told he had been given a proficiency rating of 3.98 per cent out of a possible four for his work as a navy recruiter.

Crain resided in Portland before entering the navy and operated a service station there. Several years ago he operated the Standard station here at the corner of Main and Fir streets for nearly two years.

The former recruiter stated today he deeply appreciated the cooperation received from individuals, firms and agencies of Medford in carrying on his navy duties the last two years.

He has been succeeded in the Medford office by W. R. Cumley and Robert L. Stewart, both chief petty officers in the recruiting division.

Mr. and Mrs. Crain and their nine-year-old son reside at 1020 West Eleventh street.

## FIRES DESTROY LODGE, 2 HOMES

Grants Pass, Jan. 30 — Fire of unknown origin late Sunday completely destroyed the lodge on the north bank of the Rogue river at Fort Vannoy hopyards which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eden, operators of the Fort Vannoy hopyards store.

About \$1000 worth of household equipment, including electric refrigerator, washing machine and stove and \$150 worth of fishing equipment was lost, Mr. Eden said today.

The fire was directly across the river from the A. H. Reames residence, destroyed by fire Friday night.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Nye, Rogue River, burned to the ground shortly after noon on Saturday, destroying all furniture and other possessions. Mr. Nye said the home was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Nye, who stated none of the family was at home when the fire broke out, said he thought it was caused by a short circuit.

**'Y' Camera Club To Enter Prints In Competition**  
A contest in which members will enter ordinary prints will be staged next month by members of the "Y" Camera club, it was announced yesterday. Winners will be displayed on the bulletin board at the Y Club.

At last week's meeting there was a demonstration of printing and developing by Ralph Rothermel and several members made practice prints. Proceeds from a benefit sale were used to purchase needed equipment and members are making frequent use of the dark room, it is reported.

Next meeting of the club will be the latter part of next week.

In the state of Massachusetts alone, the tidal lands between the low and high water marks belong to that person owning the adjoining land.

## AMERICAN TENOR WILL SING HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

Mario Berini, young American tenor, will present the second concert of the season for the Jackson County Civic Music association at 8:15 p. m. Thursday at the high school auditorium. The concert is for association members only.

Berini began his musical career at Los Angeles Junior college after he had appeared in the lead of a college operetta. The young tenor sang first for the radio and in the movies and then made his New York debut in 1940 with the San Carlos Opera company. Since then he has received much favorable comment from music critics in this country, Cuba and Mexico, and has made hundreds of appearances.

**Sings in Moscow**  
Berini was honored by an invitation to sing at the opening of the Russian Embassy in Mexico City and was invited to sing at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow. He was again honored by the Mexican government when he sang Don Jose in an outdoor performance of "Carmen" at the Terezo bull ring in Mexico City. Caruso is said to be the only other foreign tenor ever to have been invited to sing at the Terezo.

Opening group of numbers on the program for Thursday will include "When'er You Walk," Handel; "Qual farfalla amante," Searlatti; "Nina," Pergolesi; and "La Danza," Rossini. For the second group Berini is to sing "Verborghheit," Wolf; "Wohin?" "Der Wegweiser" and "Ungeduld," all by Schubert; the aria from "Les Pecheurs de Perles," and "La Fleur que tu m'avis jete" from "Carmen," both by Bizet.

**Marching Songs**  
First group following intermission will be LenSKI's aria from "Eugene Onegin," Tschalkowsky; two Red Army marching songs and "Kalinka," a Russian folk song. Familiar compositions and folk songs will be sung in the closing group including Campbell-Tipton's "A Spirit Flower," "Little David Play on Yo' Harp," "O Didn't It Rain" and "Miranda" by Hageman.

## SEN. MORSE FOR PROTECTING WLB RULING POWERS

Washington, Jan. 30.—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., former member of the War Labor Board, said today that if the supreme court holds that the president has no authority to enforce WLB orders in all industries, congress should pass legislation "without delay" to give him that power.

Morse and many other members of congress saw a need for clarification of labor legislation as a result of the Chicago federal court ruling that the president had no authority to seize Montgomery Ward properties because it was not a war industry. Under present law, seizure is the only weapon the president has to compel compliance with WLB orders.

The government is planning to appeal the case. Morse disagreed with the Chicago court ruling, but said that if it stands congress must enact new legislation at once. "In my judgment," he said in an interview, "the powers of the

## DAV OFFERS AID TO ALL VETERANS SEEKING ADVICE

By J. P. Graham  
Assistance of service officers of the Disabled American Veterans is available to members of all veterans' organizations and all unaffiliated disabled veterans. Clay C. Roberts, commander of Jackson county Chapter No. 8, DAV, announced today.

He pointed out action was taken at the DAV national convention in Denver, Colo., approving such a step and hereafter all veterans, regardless of organization affiliation, will be eligible for advice as to rights, benefits, privileges and protections under federal or state laws from nationally paid service officers of the DAV.

Assistance also is offered in preparation of forms or affidavits for veterans preference claims in civil service examinations or for private employment. If desired, Roberts said, DAV service officers will present claims for veterans before the claim and rating boards of the Veterans Administration and other agencies. Local service officer is Frank J. Holbrook, 205 Liberty Bldg., Medford.

## ALMUS PRUITT IS CHORUS PRESIDENT

Almus Pruitt has been elected president of the newly organized Rogue Valley chorus, while Miss Olive Curry has been named secretary and treasurer. Section chairman named are Mrs. Clarke, soprano section; Mrs. Whitehouse, alto section; Henry Neidermeyer, tenor; Harry Young, bass.

The chorus, directed by Miss Mabel Nansen, music supervisor for the Medford schools, has held several rehearsals and plans a public appearance in the near future. Membership is still available and is open to all singers in Medford and surrounding territory. Interested singers should include "When'er You Walk," Handel; "Qual farfalla amante," Searlatti; "Nina," Pergolesi; and "La Danza," Rossini. For the second group Berini is to sing "Verborghheit," Wolf; "Wohin?" "Der Wegweiser" and "Ungeduld," all by Schubert; the aria from "Les Pecheurs de Perles," and "La Fleur que tu m'avis jete" from "Carmen," both by Bizet.

## SNOW LACKING IN MOST ALL AREAS

Rain fell last night and today in the lower mountain areas of Prospect, Butte Falls, and the Dead Indian, according to weather reports to the California-Oregon Power Co. Klamath county reported a light fall of snow today. More is expected in these mountain sections.

Arch Work, in charge of snow surveys reported yesterday that Hiatt lake, one of the water sources of the Talent Irrigation district, had about one-third as much water as last year at this time. Work said his annual snow surveys of Oregon and northern California would start as soon as conditions justified. Reports from other sections of the state indicate a snow shortage in practically all areas.

## WFA RESTRICTS SALE CANNED ORANGE JUICE

Washington, Jan. 30.—(U.P.)—The war food administration today restricted to the armed forces all canners' sales of orange juice produced from Florida and Texas fruit.

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## COUNTY FARM CENSUS GETS UNDER WAY SOON

The Jackson county farm census for the year will get underway at once, according to County Agent R. G. Fowler. The school for enumerators was concluded last night. Fifteen or 18 enumerators will be in the field for six weeks or longer to gather the data. The census blanks contain queries on the present and past owners of the farm, when established, number of acres, what crops are raised, and other information.

**TALENT YOUNG SKATE**  
Talent, Jan. 30 — About 30 young people from the Talent Friends church spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Medford ice arena Saturday. The skating parties are held as a part of the weekly youth program sponsored by the local Friends church. Much interest is being aroused by these events.

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