ANALYST SEES MANILA STAND

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Wide World War Ananlyst Official word from Manila that the "situation remains un-changed materially" may be taken as encouraging, especially in view of the continuing Japanese assaults against strategic Luzon island.

I think we may assume that reinforcements — sir, land and water—will reach the Philip-pines before long, and it's good to know that our knight-cham pions are holding their own pend. ing arrival of aid.

General Douglas MacArthur's "We shall do our best" inspires confidence. And what a grand job those marines are doing on the little isle of Wake-darn their tough hides!

However, it should be empha-sized that the Philippines are in a tough place. The Japs have troops ashore on both the northern and southern parts of Luzon and boast that they now are in position to start a pincers move-ment against Manila. That represents a serious threat.

News from London that the Nipponese troops are infiltrat-ing into northern Malaya, and that the British are retiring to prepared positions, gives further indication that the Japs are maneuvering into position for possible drive against the great naval base of Singapore. Ever if they find a grand offensive this powerful position isn't feas-ible, they figure on establishing airfields from which they can against the British fleet at Singa

One of the most vital ques tions in connection with the bat-tle of the Pacific is whether Russia is going to declare war on Japan. Certainly one would exct the bolshevists to join the allies in the fight, since the security of the soviet union is so heavily involved. Obviously the quicker Japan is knocked out the better it will be for Russia because of the conservation of American and British energy

and resources.

The entrance of the oscovites into the war against Japan at this critical juncture might have a devastating effect on the island empire. As already pointed out in this column, the red air fleet at Vladivostok is a mighty sword suspended over the heads of the uneasy Japs. All-out bombing raids against Japanese cities might be catastrophic for the

Nipponese.
The soviet announcement that nazi peace overtures have been rejected, and that the Russians will stick by the allies, comes at an opportune moment. Only yes-terday I was asked what might be the significance of the nazi withdrawals of warplanes from the Russian front, the German cessation of offensives, and Moscow's silence in the face of this. The intimation in this query was, of course, that Hitler and Stalin might be getting ready to sign

another peace pact.

The answer would seem to be that the Russian and the nazi interests clash at every point. That isn't a new thought on my part, for those readers who have followed this column will recall that from the start of the European war I repeatedly insisted that despite the Russo-German the two countries

headed for war.

It now is clear that the European conflict will see the crush-ing of either the Hitlerian regime or the communistic regime. T Russian soldiers today are c tinuing their counter-offensivacross the wintry wastes in belief that Hitler is out to se the wealth of their country a make the Slavs hewers of wo glory of the reich.





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for the Christmas candy, nuts Two Local Persons other necessary arrangements for Are Committeemen

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (UP)regular meeting of the members of the Civic Improvement club on Friday afternoon, it was decided that the annual Christmas tree and program for the community will be held in the club freshments were served by the

Moser announced the appoint they picked up identified himself. The first daily radio program Tuberculosis is responsible ment of sub-committees made by at headquarters as a Filipino, devoted exclusively to news each year for the death of about

State Chairman Neil Allen. Committeemen Schmidtz, Klamath Falls, labor; Mrs. Elda Beal, Klamath Falls, industries.

Me No Japanese, Me One Filipino

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 11 (UP) Acting on a "hot tip," Richmond police went to a theater today to arrest a Japanese. The man they picked up identified himself. The first daily radio program

chairman of the Staunton, Va., national defense council, and had driven his boss here for a de-fense conference with the governor.

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