

REDS REPORT NEW GAINS ON MOSCOW LINE

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houses throughout the Kallinen zone "evidently intending to spend the winter there."

Moreover, the official Berlin radio spokesman shifted in a broadcast from comment on the exploits of "our victorious German army" to a discourse on the "unbelievable difficulties" under which Nazi troops were fighting in Russia.

Soviet front-line dispatches said the Germans were retreating, with bloody losses, on both the north and south flanks of the Moscow defense arc.

On the North African front, British imperial headquarters reported that heavy British pressure was being maintained on the left flank of Hitler's battered desert armies and that new progress was registered despite fierce sandstorms during the past 24 hours.

The German high command gave this terse summary of the fighting, which clearly appeared to be turning into an axis debacle:

"A heavy defensive battle west of Tobruk continued yesterday. Strong enemy attacks near Bardia were repulsed with considerable losses to the enemy."

Premier Mussolini's high command said particularly heavy fighting raged all day yesterday in the Gazala sector, 40 miles west of Tobruk, with the British continually throwing fresh forces into the battle.

A hint that the Italians may already be pulling out of North Africa cropped up in a British admiralty communique reporting that a fascist submarine carrying an Italian general and 19 other military officers from Libya to Italy had been sunk in the central Mediterranean.

The admiralty said the general was not among the 53 survivors.

In between the Libyan and soviet fronts, fresh military activity was reported in Nazi-dominated Bulgaria, which anti-axis observers long have expected Germany to use as a springboard for an invasion of Turkey and thence into the middle east.

Dispatches from Ankara, Turkey, said Bulgarian airfields were being enlarged and increased, with repair facilities for German planes.

Editorials on News

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They talked of blackouts and how to make them complete without loss of time. And all the other grim topics that have been listed here.

In modern war, the job of the civilian is as definite and as necessary as the job of the soldier. And nearly as dangerous.

Every civilian present today accepted the fact without flinching.

EARL RILEY, mayor of Portland, put the immediate need clearly and well.

"Our job right now," he said, "is to get business back into its normal channels and to get people back to living their normal lives with this exception—that they are prepared and ready on ten minutes notice for ANYTHING THAT MAY HAPPEN."

The civilian's job is to see to it that the life of the nation goes on, no matter what happens. Only thus can we give adequate backing to the men of the armed services.

That was the theme of today's meeting, and the quiet, courageous, whole-hearted acceptance of it was a heartening thing to see.

The people of this country have what it takes.

American Writer Describes Nazi Attack on Ships

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One dive-bomber machine-gunned the cruiser's boat deck and another gave me one of my biggest thrills of the war when it sent four big bombs screaming toward the cruiser. They exploded a few yards to starboard.

Then the planes began coming in waves—three to six at a time, weaving in and out of the clouds.

Wearing a metal helmet and anti-flash gear to protect my head, face and hands, I watched the fight from the cruiser's bridge. The battle began at 10:20 in the morning and this cruiser's first shells broke the leading formation. But one of them dived into a dive and sent two heavy bombs crashing into the sea between two destroyers.

From then until nightfall the skies were full of diving, twisting Nazi craft.

At sundown the squadron was continuing on its course, and for three hours thereafter nothing happened.

Then came a new alarm.

Three weeks' income of a typical farmer was needed in 1940 to match the average automobile taxes paid per vehicle.

OIL RESERVES DESTROYED TO BLOCK SEIZURE

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before the Japanese could land... even oil plants at the port of Miri have disappeared.

The Japanese landed at Miri and nearby Lubong, both only a short distance from the Sarawak border with British North Borneo. A communique said British forces destroyed oil refineries, wells and other machinery and withdrew before the invaders landed.

This was the newest spread of Japan's tactics of scattered blows, all correlated with the chief drive against Singapore, the core of Britain's far eastern defenses.

Besides landing on northern Malaya, 400 miles north of Singapore, and attacking through quickly-dominated Thailand, the Japanese also have seized the mainland region of Hongkong, Britain's No. 2 far eastern stronghold, and have landed in the Philippines, flanking the China sea war theater.

(The strategy of such diverse operations, apparently, is to develop the advantage of Japan's initial, surprise jump and keep the allies from organizing a unified plan of resistance.)

In Batavia, however, the Dutch announced that general mobilization has been completed and Dutch army forces may be sent abroad. General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, British commander in India, announced at New Delhi that discussions have been completed for coordination of Indian far eastern commands resisting Japan.)

Board Meets to Probe Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (P)—

The special five-member board appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate the surprise Japanese attack on Hawaii met today in the office of Secretary of War Stimson to organize and discuss procedure.

Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Knox were present at the meeting.

The board, headed by Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts of the supreme court, arrived at the war department at 10 a. m.

Other members are Major General Frank R. McCoy, retired, Brigadier General Joseph P. McNarney, of the army air corps, Admiral William H. Standley, retired, former chief of naval operations, and Rear Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, retired, former commander-in-chief of the fleet, the other members of the board.

Douglas County to Buy Defense Bonds

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 17 (P)—

Purchase of \$100,000 worth of defense bonds with surplus funds from the Douglas county treasury has been authorized by the county court, it was announced today by County Judge D. N. Busenbark. The county will buy half of the bonds in December and the remainder in January.

Advice Given Pedestrians, Motorists On New Signals

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that a right hand turn may be made on red at South Sixth and East Main, engineers stated.

"Many are under the impression they can move and turn right against a red light. This will be an infraction of the law as all traffic must remain still when the light is on red. Moving right on the red light will interfere with pedestrian movements," Beakey stated.

At Tenth street, engineers will install a sign, "enter on flashing red."

There was a noticeable traffic jam between 5:30 and 6:30 p. m. Tuesday night but new timing has been installed for this hour and engineers said they thought this situation would be improved.

"It is impossible to time traffic so there won't be a jam at one time or another," Beakey stated. "It all depends on the weight of traffic. Due to the length of blocks in Klamath Falls the timing will not be worked out perfectly, but will work to the reasonable satisfaction of the motorists."

Motorists are advised that they must stop on the property line and not in the pedestrian lane. As soon as the weather clears a line will be painted, Beakey stated. He also advised that where left turns are prohibited on Main street, signs will be placed to designate the fact.

Double parkers were warned against this practice by engineers, inasmuch as this will hamper the flow of traffic. City officers were checking double parkers carefully.

Klamath Falls is the fifth city in the state to install traffic signals. However, this is the only system of its kind in operation

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Island Attacks Termed 'Weak' By U. S. Navy

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The naval situation in the Atlantic remains quiet." Johnston, 717 miles southwest of Hawaii, was attacked by Japanese naval units at dusk of an unspecified day, possibly Monday, at about the same time that a Japanese submarine attacked the Hawaiian shipping center of Kahului, about 95 miles from Pearl Harbor.

The navy reported that damage from the shell fire was light and today's report confirmed that there had been no injuries to personnel at Johnston.

About 10 shells were fired in the Maui attack, the army said.

Rogers Awarded Marine Honor At San Diego

James E. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rogers of Klamath Falls, has been awarded a certificate as outstanding member in his platoon in the U. S. marines at San Diego, according to word received here. He joined the marines two months ago. Another son of the family, Donald, has just re-enlisted for three years in the ground service of the air corps. He was transferred to Biloxi, Mississippi.

Only one-third of the 250 islands in the Fiji group are inhabited.

HONGKONG REJECTS JAP PEACE FEELER

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British Crown colony were reported to be safe.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (P)—Chinese forces were reported tonight to have delivered successful attacks north of besieged Hongkong, compelling the Japanese to shift reinforcements to cope with a Chinese threat to their rear in the Tamshui area.

Tamshui is about 25 miles north of the mainland border of Hongkong on Japanese-occupied Kowloon peninsula and about the same distance east of the Canton-Kowloon railroad.

Chinese dispatches said Japan's conquest of Kowloon was at a high cost of mechanical equipment which they said was destroyed by British gunfire.

These reports said the Chinese also had increased their pressure on other mainland Japanese positions, particularly in Chekiang province, just south of Shanghai.

Mokanshan, the mountain resort near Shanghai once popular with Europeans, has been besieged for a week and a fierce battle is in progress there between the Japanese and Chinese forces which have pierced their defenses, it was reported.

The Chinese central news said United States and British consular officials and all other British and American nationals had been detained by the Japanese in the port of Amoy. Other reports said Fukien province officials ordered that Britons and Americans be given all possible protection.

HART REFUSES ANY DETAILS OF SUCCESSES

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which were not immediately divulged.

No Change The communique announcing the attack on Vigan, launched apparently to prevent the Japanese from establishing air bases necessary for conquest of the Philippines, said there had been "no change in the land situation today."

The bulletin was issued at 4 p. m. (11 p. m. PST Tuesday). Of the Japanese planes destroyed, one was shot down in aerial combat and the remainder were wrecked on the ground, the communique declared.

The brief announcement said: "The enemy at Vigan suffered heavily from an attack by our air force yesterday. One Japanese plane was shot down and at least 25 more were destroyed on the ground. Fuel supplies were set afire. There has been no change in the land situation today."

Subs Successful In a cryptic statement, Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the fleet, declared that United States submarines had "made two successful attacks" and a third which failed to achieve its objective.

Hart said the defensive plan drawn up for the Asiatic fleet before the war called for counter-blows in the event of Japanese aggression.

He said the fleet was not "entirely ready" for Japan's surprise attack but nevertheless had been following its pre-arranged defensive plan with minor adjustments.

Of the surrender of 200 United States marines who were stranded in north China by the sudden hostilities, he declared that instructions to withdraw them came "very late."

"We were fast on our feet when the orders came," he said, but the marines were "absolutely cut off in three locations in north China and, of course, had to surrender."

(These places were Peiping and Tientsin, where the marines were posted, the Chinwangtao, the north China port where some were awaiting evacuation by sea about 700 marines in Shanghai, the bulk of the China contingent, left in time.)

Hart explained that submarine commanders were not required to report on operations until their return to port, but said he had learned that some successes had been achieved.

Whether the attacks to which he referred were against Japanese naval forces or against merchant shipping remained a matter of speculation pending a further announcement.

Disclosure of the submarine operations was the only naval or military development of the day.

The last sign of Japanese offensive operations against the stoutly defended island of Luzon was a dawn attack yesterday on Olongapo naval base 60 miles southwest of Manila.

The supposition in unofficial quarters was that the Japanese were reorganizing their forces for an attempt to reinforce the troops they landed last week at three places—Vigan and Aparri in the north and Legaspi at the southern tip of the island.

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Local Woman Gets Card From Sons In Pacific Fleet

A Christmas card received Wednesday by Mrs. Mary Warren, 2441 South Sixth street, brought word of the safety of her two sons, Edward, 20, and Sam, 23, both enlisted men on duty on a light cruiser somewhere in the Pacific.

Edward Warren, who enlisted from here two years ago, was a member of the class of 1940 at Klamath Union high school. Sam, a graduate of San Mateo high school, has been in the service for the past year and one-half.

The card told Mrs. Warren that she might not hear from the youths in some time, presumably because their ship will be at sea. The message had passed through censors' hands and a picture removed from the face of the card.

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21-44 DRAFT AGES APPROVED BY HOUSE

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that of the president of the United States and his military advisers.

"They should not challenge the judgment of the president and of General Marshall."

Rep. Thomas (D-Tex.), replying to McCormack, said that no member of the military committee "sets himself up as superior to the war department" and asked the members for a "dispassionate, patriotic" study of the legislation.

\$22 in Traffic Tickets Paid by Christmas Shoppers

Christmas shoppers swelled the city treasury by \$22 Wednesday morning when overtime parkers paid for traffic tickets at the desk sergeant's window. Police on duty throughout the business district were being lenient with motorists who failed to keep in step with the traffic lights turned on Tuesday afternoon.

One drunk appeared in police court Wednesday, according to Police Judge Leigh Ackerman.

Friendship Court—The Friendship court of the Order of Amaranth was scheduled to hold a regular meeting Wednesday night at 8 p. m. in the Masonic temple. An election of officers and a Christmas tree were to highlight the program. All members were urged to attend.

HOMESTEADER WINS RULING BY SECRETARY

The secretary of the interior has affirmed a decision of the general land office in favor of Albert W. Schindler, Tule lake, homesteader, whose claim to homestead was formally contested by Wilfred J. Dixon.

Dixon some time ago brought the contest, charging that Schindler has failed to establish residence on his homestead and had never cultivated it except through a lease.

A hearing was held here before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas and the register of the land office at Sacramento first found for Dixon, the contestant. This decision, however, was reversed by the general land office, and the secretary has affirmed the reversal.

This settles the case, which attracted wide interest in the southern district, unless there is an appeal to the United States supreme court.

Schindler was represented by William Kuykendall, Klamath Falls attorney.

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