SUPREME TEST DEVELOPS FOR ISLAND FORCES

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Our defenders in the Philippines appear to be in the throes of the supreme test in the bloody fighting which has developed as the result of Japanese landings in force from 80 transports in the Lingayen gulf area, a bit more than 100 miles northwest of Manila on Luzon island— strategic heart of these strag-

The Japs, already delayed in their schedule by the strong de-fense of General MacArthur's forces, have struck heavily with the purpose of gaining possession before the arrival of American reinforcements across the Paci-

The news thus far is a mix-ture of good and bad. It is a matter of concern that the Japanese should have sufficient control of the waters about Luzon to effect such a mass landing. It is grand to hear from General MacArthur in an early report of the fighting that "our troops are behaving well."

Next to this invasion of the Philippines, the great sensation of the day is Hitler's assumption

extraordinary move remains obscure, but I think we are safe in but most residents plan to cut saying that it was inspired by a great emergency of some sort.

doesn't overlook, of course, that the fuehrer himself has declared he is divinely ordained to carry out his program for the fatherland. Still, it is hard to believe that this is the explanation. Admitting Hitler's genius for leadership, he might be expected to be the last to claim that his training fitted him for a position demanding the highest type of military skill, and to feel that there is no one and to feel that there is no one has declared he is divinely orelse capable of leading his ar-

Rather, it seems to me, he is faced with a great crisis in which either (1) he is forced to depend upon the personal hold which he has on his people or (2) he and Von Brauchitsch have disagreed on a vital military issue. It may be that Herr Hitler is

compelled to use all his power of leadership in order to meet the reaction of his people to the great defeat suffered by German arms in Russia. That operation, which is still developing danger ously for the nazis, certainly takes some explaining.

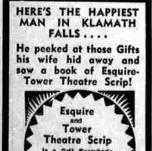
It is equally possible that the fuehrer wants to undertake something that his commanderin-chief felt suicidal. There are several guesses along that line. About the wildest thing one could think of would be an at tempt to invade England at this time of year. The German high command undoubtedly would balk at such a rash adventure, but Hitler says he is working by intuition and maybe his intuition tells him that now is the appointed hour for a des-

perate blow. Perhaps the crisis involves a military dispute regarding Russia. It might relate to a challenge to Turkey's two million bayonets in an effort to break into the middle east. It might have to do with a drive through Spain to bring that country into the war and to open up new bases for Germany in North

Be that as may, it's my guess that Hitler is a badly worried man. There is further evidence that all is not well with Germany in the language employed by the Nazi Chief and Propaganda Minister Goebbels in their da Minister Goebbels in their urgent weekend appeals to the public for warm clothing for German soldiers caught in the toils of the killing Russian win-

Lou Gehrig hit his first and last major league baseball home runs on the same day of the year: Sept. 27, 1923, and 1938.

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F. D. R.'s Board of Inquiry Looks Into Pearl Harbor Surprise



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Christmas in Honolulu To Be Both Dark, Dry

By FRANK TREMAINE

United Press Correspondent HONOLULU, Dec. 22 (UP) -Christmas in Honolulu will be both dark and dry.

There will be a blackout of town district could use the sheltof supreme command of his ar-mies, displacing the famous of the possibility of another Christmas eve festivities because ers in their own buildings. mies, displacing the famous of the possibility of another Field Marshal von Brauchitsch. "Pearl Harbor" and because from bursting shell fragments vid Hoehn, Fairbanks; and Norbottled spirits are unobtainable.

> down tropical papaya trees and decorate them with unlighted bulbs.

After the confusion which followed the Japanese surprise at-

in downtown Honolulu. The islanders have been com-

pressed by the war into a tight-ly knit group which has learned the vital necessity of cooperation in working out its problems. Total blackouts are being rigidly enforced, even to the extent of citizens warning forgetful neightives from employers, labors who might neglect so much federal and state agencies. as a small radio light.

One newspaperman who went shopping with his neighbor for Christopher Columbus in 1 One newspaperman who went gifts for their children went was found in Istanbul in 1932.

Supplies Dropped

(P)—Supplies have been dropped to Pilot Archie Ferguson and his two passengers who have been marooned on a small ice-c vered lake between Kotzebue sound and Fairbanks since Thursday and efforts will be made today to land a small plane on the ice

New censorship regulations have been announced by the lake while en route here when have been announced by the lake while en route here when have for use of transpacific radio ice formed on the wings of his situation before his in English, and that no mention transmitter went dead and may be made of such things as search planes proceeded to search for him immediately, lo-cating him Saturday.

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Galloway expressed this belief

in explaining the commission's Chronicle Editor levy, to be filed on Monday, for the half-year ending next June FAVORS NO LEW 30. The half-year levy will amount to \$4,332,300.77 under Lieutenant Commander Paul C.

Works for Navy

the six per cent limitation, all Smith of San Francisco became to be met from income tax re- press relations officer of the navy department today. He is

tions, acting as liaison with other governmental activities. Both Smith and Wharton are naval reserve officers.

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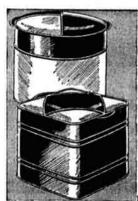
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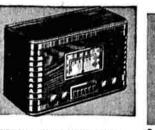
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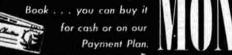


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