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MAJOR BATTLE RAGES ON LUZON

Nimitz Warns Coast Area

JAP SUBS MAY SHELL TOWNS, SAYS ADMIRAL

New Commander Says Hawaii Defense Will Be Strong

By TOM YARBROUGH

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii, Jan. 1 (AP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, new commander of the United States Pacific fleet, warns that Japanese submarines operating off the west coast of the United States might attempt to shell coastal cities.

Speaking to reporters aboard a big new submarine yesterday just three hours after he assumed command, Admiral Nimitz said "it's relatively safe and simple for a submarine to arise to the surface near a port and throw a few shells into a city."

Ocean too big "It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that Japanese submarines operating off the west coast of the United States may attempt to lay their shells into cities before they leave."

The ocean, he added, is "too big to prevent it entirely." A reporter asked the significance of submarine shelling of three points in the Hawaiian islands the night of December 30.

Admiral Nimitz replied that "Japanese captains desire to make the utmost use of their weapons when there are no targets for their torpedoes."

The setting for the admiral's first press conference after taking over his new command was colorful and unique in many respects. It was said to be one of the few times in the history of the fleet that a commander's four-star flag had flown from a submarine.

Before inviting reporters' questions on the sun-drenched deck of the undersea monster, Nimitz pinned the navy cross on two pilots of a flying boat that rescued nine army fliers from the sea only last night. It was his first official act as commander-in-chief.

Air of Confidence The tall, affable Texan showed an air of confidence but gave no sign of over-confidence. Speaking slowly and deliberately and with quiet dignity he volunteered.

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Nipponese Raiders Bomb Singapore; Damage Small

By C. YATES McDANIEL

SINGAPORE, Jan. 1 (AP)—Japanese bombers ushered in the New Year for Singapore with two raids early today which apparently did little damage to property and even less to the spirits of thousands who celebrated at homes and hotels despite the blackout.

From the fighting front to the north, the latest word was today's British headquarters communicate which said a battle continued throughout yesterday at the east coast port of Kuantan, 190 miles from Singapore.

(The Japanese army claimed officially that Kuantan was captured yesterday morning by its troops.)

In the latest raids on Singapore Japanese bombers flew over in formation by moonlight shortly before dawn, and again just after daybreak, dropping salvoes of bombs.

A communique said "there

was no military casualties and no damage to military objectives."

It was reported that civilian casualties from earlier attacks totaled 17 killed and wounded. Some Japanese shelling of British positions and contact between small parties on the Perak front—in western Malaya—was noted by headquarters.

"One of our companies, supported by artillery, inflicted about 100 casualties on the enemy and destroyed a small enemy ammunition dump," its communique said. "Our casualties were slight."

Following loss of Kuching to the Japanese invaders, the British reported receipt of information that "the bulk of our troops has been successfully withdrawn from Sarawak (the 'White Rajah' kingdom making up part of British Borneo) and are in touch with the Netherlands East Indies forces in west Borneo."

SHELLING OF HAWAII ISLES DOES NO HARM

Defenses Meet Test In Fight North Of Manila

By The Associated Press

A major battle testing the power of the Japanese drive on Manila from the north and the strength of new defense positions was under way at 11:30 tonight, Manila time (6:30 a. m., PST), according to a war department communique.

"Severe fighting continues north of Manila where American and Philippine forces have been consolidated and are continuing to resist the Japanese advance," it said.

Hawaii Shelled

"Strong positions are now occupied by the defending troops who are inflicting heavy losses on the invaders. A major battle is now in progress."

The same communique announced that three of the Hawaiian islands had been shelled by enemy submarines but with no casualties and almost no damage. "A few shells were fired at the port of Hilo on the island of Hawaii, causing slight damage to the wharf," said the communique.

"The harbor of Kahului on the island of Maui, which had been shelled by a submarine some time ago, was again attacked. Five rounds were fired with no damage. An attack was likewise made on the shore near Lihue, on the island of Kauai, when a few rounds were fired setting fire to a sugar cane field. There

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F. R., Churchill Resume Talks On War Plans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill today resumed conferences on world wide war strategy designed to smash axis aggression.

The prime minister returned at 9 a. m., from a four-day visit to Canada, where he confidently declared that "deeds not words" would in good time disclose the specific objectives and results of the White House conferences.

The prime minister welcomed the New Year by proposing a "victory" toast at a midnight ceremony in the dining car of his special train "somewhere in Vermont" with members of his staff, newspaper correspondents, the train crew, and porters.

Wearing his grey zippered lounging suit, the prime minister walked into the diner, cigar in place, glass in hand, as his train pulled out of Brattleboro, Vt. A few miles south, near the Massachusetts line, Churchill raised his glass with the toast: "Here's to 1942."

"Here's to a year of toil—a year of struggle and peril." "And a long step forward to victory!" Americans, British, Canadians, and Australians roared "a happy New Year to you" as they drank the toast.

The prime minister then pronounced in benediction — "God bless you." "May we all come through safe and with honor."

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Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CHURCHILL, en route by rail from Ottawa to Washington on New Year's eve, proposes (to members of his staff, newspaper correspondents, the train crew and the porters) this toast to the new year:

"Here's to 1942. 'Here's to a year of toil—a year of struggle and peril. 'And a long step forward to victory.'"

Then he adds: "May we all come through safe and WITH HONOR."

IMPROVE on that if you can. This writer can't. Especially the last line. Let's all try to live 1942 in such a way that at its end we shall have nothing to be ASHAMED OF.

IN Manila, the picture grows darker by the hour. Loss of the islands and the brave men who are defending them seems unavoidable. It appears today that an attempt at rescue would bring HEAVIER losses.

THE American picture has been dark before. Light has ALWAYS followed the darkness.

BUT remember: The light that has followed the darkness in the American picture has been brought always by willingness to work, to fight and to sacrifice.

NEVER by telling ourselves not to worry, that everything will come out all right in the end.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ, new commander of the Pacific fleet, says today in Honolulu that raiding Jap submarines may shell Pacific Coast cities—so scare us; they can't do much damage that way.

The Pacific Coast's answer to such stunts: "Shell and be —! We're not going to yell for help from the fleet. We can take it!"

THE end of the old year and the beginning of the new have brought much talk—as always. Today some signs of new action begin in the sky.

The axis is directing new air attacks at Malta, British base in the mid-Mediterranean. The British air force answers with (Continued on Page Two)

Mercury Drops To Zero Mark As 1941 Ends

"From Greenland's icy mountains" had nothing on the song Klamathites were singing New Year's morning when they piled on the blankets and snuggled in for another cat nap before they knuckled down to the business of looking 1942 in the face and taking what the new babe had cached up his sleeve.

RAF BOMBERS BLAST CRETE, GREECE BASES

New Axis Thrust at Middle East Eyed; Reds List Gains

By The Associated Press

Britain's middle eastern air force appeared today to have struck heavily and for the first time at a potential, new axis offensive in the Mediterranean region with raids on war industries, a submarine base and air-dromes in Greece and Crete.

The raids, carried out Tuesday night, were reported only today in the Cairo RAF communique which also told of fresh air assaults on Britain's mid-Mediterranean base of Malta.

New Threat Seen For days now, since the Germans started their retreat in Russia, there have been signs that Adolf Hitler, now his own commander-in-chief was preparing for some new, face-saving venture somewhere along the Mediterranean.

There have been repeated reports of a massing of German air power in Greece, including planes withdrawn from Russia. An observer arriving recently at Istanbul, Turkey, from Greece, told allied authorities that the Germans were building new airports in Greece and on the Greek islands close to Turkey, at the same time practicing air invasion tactics similar to those used against Crete.

New airfields were said to have been laid out on the islands of Mytilene, Chios and Samos, all less than 15 minutes by air from the Turkish shore and the Dardanelles. An axis submarine force also was reported being concentrated in the Aegean sea.

Big Victory The red army opened the new year today with the announcement of an enormous new victory on the Moscow front and a menacing Crimean peninsula drive as British sources predicted terrific new bombing onslaughts on Germany during 1942.

Besides recapturing Kaluga, important railroad center 110 miles southwest of Moscow, (Continued on Page Two)

British Commandos Stage Second Raid On Lofoten Islands

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—The admiralty announced today that Britain's commandos have carried out a second raid on the Lofoten islands off the northern coast of German-held Norway.

This time, said an announcement, the specially trained raiding unit spent several days in the islands, using one harbor as a fuelling base. Some German prisoners were captured without a fight.

The raiding force, which included Polish and free Norwegian units, sang a German patrol vessel and "completely disorganized" the enemy's sea communications" in the area and escaped without casualties or damage to equipment, the admiralty said.

Episodes of 1918 Recalled By Analyst on New Year's Day

By DeWITT MacKenzie
 Wide World War Analyst
 On this day, 1918, Corporal Adolf Hitler gave a "hoch der Kaiser" and goose-stepped in his clumsy knee-boots into what was at once the most glorious and the most catastrophic year of the World War for German arms.

He Cut the Cake



Earl Reynolds became secretary of the Klamath county chamber of commerce 14 years ago Thursday. He came here from La Grande January 1, 1928. At the chamber directors' meeting Wednesday, Reynolds cut a fancy birthday cake. He is shown with the cake.

STIFF TIRE SLASH SET FOR JANUARY

Sales Restricted to 357,000 for All Of Nation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—

Drastic war quotas cutting the number of new automobile tires and tubes available for civilian use to about one-eleventh of the number sold in pre-war months were imposed today in every county in the United States.

Sales throughout the United States and its territories were limited to 357,000 new tires in January as compared with the normal monthly consumption of 4,000,000. Set up on a county-by-county basis, the January quotas range from 105 tires in Alaska to 36,680 in Texas. They prohibit some counties from selling more than one new tire for a passenger automobile and limit hundreds to 10 or less.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson said he hoped future quotas could be increased but explained that any change would depend on the military situation and future demands of the allied arms forces.

Maximum sales of 114,191 tires for passenger cars, motorcycles and light trucks and 242,783 for heavier trucks and buses are permitted under the January quotas. The tires are to be allotted by local rationing boards to persons able to prove eligibility under strict OPA requirements, and boards are prohibited from rationing more than 25 per cent of the month's total each week.

The OPA set aside 2 per cent of the total available supply of new tires to make whatever adjustments may be necessary in the state quotas. Similarly, 8 (Continued on Page Two)

Three Guards Slain in Riot Of Prisoners

BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Jan. 1 (AP)—Three guards were slain today by rioting delinquents confined to the prison department of the Bridgewater state farm, who also fired at least one building, sending flames racing through the structure.

State police called to the scene immediately resorted to use of tear gas and the prison officer reported the rioters had indicated they would surrender.

Firemen, summoned from surrounding communities, said the flames were sweeping through several sections of the four-story structure. They did not know whether any inmates had been trapped. A number had been removed and others were being herded to different quarters.

Japs Announce Capture of Malay Point

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (Official broadcast recorded by AP)—Japanese capture of Kuantan on the east coast of Malaya, 160 miles north of Singapore and smashing aerial blows in advance of the Japanese drive down the west coast were reported today by imperial headquarters.

Premier General Hideki Tojo declared in a New Year broadcast to his people that "it is only a question of time until Manila and Singapore meet a fate similar to that of Hongkong."

Without specifying exact troop positions, Domei reported that Japanese attackers on the Philippine island of Luzon were so near Manila that the sounds of gunfire could be heard in the streets of the capital.

An army communique on the operation of Japanese bombers in waters around the Philippines and Malaya since December 28 claimed that a submarine was sunk, two steamers of 3000 tons each were destroyed and a direct bomb hit was scored on a destroyer.

Most of these aerial attacks were in the Strait of Malacca, between Malaya and the island of Sumatra. The Japanese said their bombers had hit hard at Singapore in successive raids (Continued on Page Two)

Red Cross Drive Still Short of Halfway Point

Klamath people and business firms are urged to give NOW to the Red Cross war relief fund. The local drive, being conducted entirely through voluntary contributions, is still \$5,772.82 short of the \$10,000 goal set as Klamath's share in the \$50,000,000 national fund.

U. S. Freighter Set Afire By Jap Bombers

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Jan. 1 (AP)—A Netherlands East Indies communique said today an American freighter was attacked yesterday by Japanese planes in northern East Indies waters, set afire and abandoned by its crew. Forty-eight men were rescued; one was missing.

The communique said: "One place in the outer provinces has been bombed by Japanese aircraft which came over. No damage was done."

"In the northern part of this archipelago an American freighter was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The ship was set on fire."

"Forty-eight members of the crew were picked up and brought to shore by a flying boat of the Netherlands Indies navy which heard the distress signals and went to the rescue."

"One member of the crew of the American ship is missing."

BOMBER MISSING

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Jan. 1 (AP)—March field today asked peace officers to aid in the search for a missing B-26 two-motored bomber, last seen Tuesday afternoon in a flight over Cajon pass.

The army did not say how many occupants were in the plane.

Payroll Allotment Plan Speeds Ahead



The payroll allotment plan for sale of defense bonds in the Klamath area is rapidly expanding, according to A. M. Collier, county defense bonds chairman. Vern Owens is in charge of this work. Seven mills, 78 smaller retail organizations, and 43 organizations with 10 or more employees, have set up the plan. This picture shows the Algoma Lumber company getting its first batch of bonds for distribution to employees. Left to right: Mitchell Tillotson of the First National bank, Freeman Schultz, Algoma manager; K. E. Henry, Algoma paymaster, and Collier, Tribune.