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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MANILA and its naval base of Cavite fall to the Japs.
General MacArthur and his defending forces (American and Filipino) are withdrawing to the island fortress of Corregidor, at the entrance to the bay, and the mountainous Batan peninsula of which Corregidor is the southern

Japanese troops enter the un-defended city.

POKYO reports that Japanese reconnaissance planes have returned safely from a flight "in the direction of Australia.

The implication is that Australia, whose troops have largely been sent elsewhere, may be attacked at any time.

(The Japs, waging a war of nerves, seek obviously to foster that idea, hoping to keep Aus-tralia's remaining forces at

FROM the Dutch East Indies

high command: "One or two warships belonging to American fighting forces cooperating with the Netherlands East Indies navy were attacked by Japanese planes in the north-ern part of the Indies archipelago without suffering serious dam-

(That locates at least a part of the U. S. Asiatic fleet.)

IN London a British "spokes-

man" says:
"The British and American fleets can't be expected to oper-ate effectively in the South Pacific until they can obtain ADE-QUATE AIR SUPPORT."

(Everything in these days, you see, hinges on planes and more planes and STILL MORE PLANES.)

So far the Japs have the planes and we lack them.

THE British spokesman con-

"The Japanese may even be able to NEUTRALIZE the use of SINGAPORE as a naval base by bombing from air bases in Malaya."

Everything finally comes back PLANES and more and more and more of them.

The "spokesman" concludes (by way of reassurance): "But we must keep the long view of the Pacific situation, re-membering that in the LONG

the Japs. The situation, however, needs careful handling at the present moment.'

IN Washington FDR tells reporters that moving airplane and other war industries from the vulnerable seacoast back into the interior is being studied.

He points out the obvious wis-dom of splitting production facilities so an entire plant can't be destroyed in a single raid. He speaks of duplication of plant facilities to prevent interruption of production by enemy bomb-

(Remember at this point how pleased we were a little while ack to learn that the Russians had been moving their essential war industries back into the in-

. . . EFFECTIVE immediately, sale of all new cars and trucks is stopped. The 450,000 cars on hand in salesrooms and warehouses can be bought only by the government, the lend-lease organization and essential civilian users (We don't know yet what civilians are essential, but we'll find out.)

The purpose is to devote our WHOLE vast and efficient automobile industry to the production of war supplies.

It is a sound purpose. SALE of tires and tubes for

civilian use has already been estricted by 90 per cent, and may be wholly stopped at any time. Rubber is a war essential. IF you haven't as yet adjusted

yourself to the fact that your COUNTRY IS AT WAR with (Continued on Page Two)