

# SINGAPORE MAY FALL TO JAPS, SAYS STIRLING

Editor's Note: The outlook for the forces of the ABCD powers in the Singapore area is explained by the United Press naval critic in the following dispatch.

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It still is too early to forecast whether or not the defense of Singapore will be successful but it must be admitted that dispatches to date are not reassuring.

On the basis of present information it would appear that if the Japanese do not succeed in bringing Singapore under siege within the next few weeks it will be because they are not as good as they have appeared in the "sneak" attack on Hawaii and their operations in the Philippines.

In other words the Japanese ought to be able to take Singapore if they continue to show the same efficiency they have shown in all their operations since they started the Pacific war on December 7-8.

They have the advantage of superiority in the air, at sea and on land and of short lines of communication. All reports so far indicate that the cooperation between all branches of their armed services has been excellent and that they have taken full advantage of their superiority in all departments.

The whole tide of battle, of course, could be turned, if the defending ABCD powers were able to obtain aerial superiority. But that seems impossible. Fighter planes are needed and they must be transported by ship. The distances are too great, it would appear, for large reinforcements to arrive in time.

Hence the eventual loss of Singapore is a possibility that must be envisaged. That it is envisaged is indicated in fragmentary reports from Australia and The Netherlands Indies. Military preparations are going forward at high speed in both these areas and one may assume, on the basis of President Roosevelt's message to congress, that we are sending large forces to both regions. Some of our sea forces, indeed, are known already to be based on The Netherlands Indies and they are likely to be joined very shortly by large contingents of American soldiers.

If Singapore falls the final phase of the present Japanese operations to win East Asia may be fought in Java and the adjacent Dutch islands. We should be able to get to the scene of this possible battle zone a considerable number of soldiers with supporting air and sea strength. But the question is whether the number will be enough.

## Camp Fire News

Climaxing the old year with many and varied activities were the Camp Fire Girls who enjoyed a social whirl just before the new year. Of newest interest are the Horizon clubs which made their debut throughout the nation in October at National Council meeting, when Joan Leslie, charm star, was hostess at a radio coming-out party broadcast by the Mutual network from Hollywood.

Horizon clubs are open to all girls of senior high school age, whether they are Camp Fire girls or not. One dollar a year are the dues and meetings are held every other Tuesday at the homes of Mrs. Laurence French and Mrs. James Kerns. Girls belonging to the newly established clubs here are Maxine Liskey, Marianne Lion, Nancy Bennett, Nadine Palmerton, Marjorie Palmerton, Ruth Rogers, Mary Landry, Dorothy Riggs, Jean Ostendorf, Helen Howry, Peggy Pruitt, Doris Weinberg, Berthel Nelson, Patty Avery, Marie Williams, Lettie Stewart, Amy Pruden, Jean Silliman, Mary Corrigan, Luana Smith, Dorothy Lesmeister, Shirley Anthony, Tereda Wright, Elodi Doveri, Kathleen O'Conner, Catherine Doran, Mavis Patterson and Lenore Patterson.

One of the loveliest and most impressive events of the year in the Camp Fire program was the Grand Council Fire held in the Fremont school early in December. The high school girls' chorus and the reader in ceremonial gowns, the professional of girls in service costumes, the stately candle-lighting and extinguishing ceremonies, the lovely corals and the recessional all formed a beautiful pattern.

The local Camp Fire Girls upheld their tradition of giving service by selling forget-me-nots for the auxiliary of disabled war veterans. Girls participating in this were Thelma Nelson, Beverly Kesse, Vivian Patterson, Ruth Landry and Ellaine Dryden. Other services were the folding of Christmas seals, Red Cross service and keeping a correspondence club with English girls in the British Isles.

The installation of officers for the coming year was the main event of the regular meeting of Camp Fire guardians held Monday evening in the chamber of commerce building. The new officers are Mrs. Andrew Shanks, president; Mrs. James Kerns, vice president; Miss Viola Mascall, secretary, and Mrs. Harold Ashley, treasurer.

Planning on doing their part for a worthy cause are the Camp Fire Girls who will hold a food sale January 24 with the proceeds from the enterprise to be donated to the American Red Cross. The location of the sale will be announced at a later date.

Take a tip from your Uncle Sam! Keep your shirt on—but roll up your sleeves!

## FORD ASKED TO AID NEW PEACE SCHEME

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (UP)—Rosika Schwimmer, who in 1915 persuaded Henry Ford to launch the ill-fated "peace ship," Tuesday disclosed she has asked him for new help in establishing "the peace of the earth."

She proposes that he turn over one of his estates and some of his millions for a "provisional world government."

Madame Schwimmer said she first requested Ford to participate in another world peace movement in a letter to him on his 73th birthday in 1938 and that she had renewed her plea in a letter written the day before Christmas, 1941.

Ford has not answered, she said.

"The hope of this blood-soaked globe lies in world government," said the famous Hungarian-born feminist whose hair has grown gray, but whose eyes have lost none of their sparkle in her struggles for peace on earth.

A provisional world government, Madame Schwimmer said, could:

1. Draft a constitution for adoption by nations in a world federation.
2. Draw up a chart showing the world's prime resources and needs, as understood by economists and engineers.
3. Study health needs of the world, such as stamping out communicable diseases, clearing swamps and other health menaces.

4. Plan projects, a kind of world public works program, to open hitherto uninhabitable regions of the earth.

"We need an estate as a site for a provisional world government," Madame Schwimmer said. "Mr. Ford is the ideal person to give it. He always has been interested in world peace. He has been a great innovator all his life—constantly doing the impossible."

"I cannot wish you on your seventy-fifth birthday anything better than that it may be given you to see the practical ideal of world peace established within the frame of an all-inclusive, democratic, non-military federation of nations brought about with your participation," the internationally known peace advocate wrote Ford.

"We have so many provisional governments now," Madame Schwimmer said, "why not a provisional world government? It could be open to all nations who want to send representatives. Every country has some statesman or economist whose integrity is above question and who enjoys the confidence of the people."

"The work of a provisional world government would not interfere with the conduct of the present war. But the conference would have something to offer us when the present struggles are over."

Many a grievance is washed away with a little application of soft soap.

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## Hunter Reports On Defense Work In Oregon Schools

EUGENE, Jan. 8.—A detailed report of defense activities of the state system of higher education has just been made to the United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C., by Chancellor Frederick D. Hunter, it was announced here.

The report covers all activities of the university, state college, medical school, and the three colleges of education in the defense field. Military science departments of Oregon State college and the University of Oregon are training a large number of students under increased quotas, the report points out. In addition civilian pilot training is being given at four schools under the system, Hunter reports.

The statement also covers various defense courses set up by institutions of the system and through the extension and correspondence study. Included are: Radio communication, industrial safety, engineering, engineering drawing, electric welding, electrical circuits on ships, marine machinery and piping layout, ship drafting and elementary machine design, military organization and national defense, engineering physical metallurgy, applied physical metallurgy, introduction to analysis, differential equations, and others.

## Tacoma Tires of Providing Free Card Club Room

TACOMA, Jan. 8 (AP)—If Utilities Commissioner R. D. O'Neil has his way Tacoma clubwomen will have to rent or use their own facilities for card parties in the future.

For years the city light department has sponsored a demonstration room to which various clubs have been invited for a short lecture intended to induce them to use more electrical appliances and electricity, followed by a 50 cent luncheon and rent free use of the room for card parties.

O'Neil has proposed discontinuance because:

1. The place costs about \$12,000 annually to operate, including the cost of the meals.
2. Women come for the free lunch and to play cards, ignore the sales lecture (one woman attended 45 times in the past year, he said).
3. The light department is buying current from Seattle to meet demands and there is little object in promoting increased use, anyway.

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# Midland Empire News

## Youth From Bly Joins Air Corps

BLY—Buck Alcorn, son of Mrs. Aaron Hoffman, left for Portland on Saturday to take his physical examination before entering the army air corps at Wichita Falls, Texas. Buck is the first former Bly high school student to enter the service. He has many friends here who wish him the best of luck.

The past year he has been employed as clerk in the store supply department of the Lorenz company in Klamath Falls and has been a frequent visitor with his family in Bly for holidays and weekends.

## Hager

The Hess baling crew are baling hay today.

Edgar Kelly of the Molatore cafe left for Modesto, Calif., to spend a few days there visiting relatives.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bunyard on the arrival of a baby son born in December.

Mr. McCormick was a caller at the Crumrine home one day last week.

Charles Snyder took his two sons, Martin and Larry, and Dougie Kohler and their friend from Klamath Falls on a sleighing trip Sunday.

Tom Baldwin was a Klamath Falls visitor Sunday.

Mr. James Coffelt and Miss Arlene Baldwin were married December 29, 1941, in the Christian church in Klamath Falls. The bride was dressed in a blue dress and the groom wore a blue suit. Mrs. Coffelt lived most of her life in Klamath Falls and surrounding vicinity. She was a graduate of the Klamath Union high school of '41 and has been living with her mother and brother near Hager for the past two and a half years.

Mr. Coffelt is an employe of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company. Mr. and Mrs. Coffelt are now at home in a cozy apartment at Weyerhaeuser.

Mrs. Coffelt is the daughter of

## Lakeview Suffering From Wood Shortage

LAKEVIEW — Lakeview is suffering from a wood shortage this winter for the first time in years. All the woodcutters but one quit the business last summer and went out-of-town to take other jobs so there was no supply of wood on hand when the cold weather came, except for block wood from the two box factories. This is being divided among the most needy.

The box factories report that it will take at least three months to fill the orders now on hand.

## Chiloquin

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schopf and daughter Judy were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brookman on New Year's day.

Alan Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Horton, left Friday for Santa Clara university where he is registered as a freshman.

Carol Jane Loosley was confined to her home Monday because of illness.

Jeanne Burton returned to Corvallis Monday to resume her studies in home economics. Jeanne will complete the requirements for her degree this year.

Stewart Blake left for Sacramento, Calif., to resume his work in the junior college in that city.

Skating and coasting have been the outdoor diversions of the younger set in Chiloquin during the recent snow and cold weather.

## TRAINING SITE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 8 (AP)—Three major league baseball clubs will be in training here for at least a week this spring.

St. Pete is the regular training site for the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals. The Brooklyn Dodgers will pull into the city March 19 for two exhibitions and then stay on while they play five more games in nearby cities.

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## Food Rationing to Start in Japan

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Food rationing will begin Feb. 1 in six of Japan's most thickly populated provinces, the Tokyo radio said today in an official Japanese language broadcast.

The broadcast, recorded here by CBS, fixed the food quota for each person living in the affected provinces at 35 handfuls of rice a month and slightly less than four kilograms of miso daily.

(Miso is a bean product, resembling cottage cheese in texture and consistency. It is a staple of the native Japanese diet.)

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Other Real Estate	1.00
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	21,067.35
Interest Earned	377,486.32
Other Resources	79,159.69
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$176,445,718.53</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus	5,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,847,647.58
Reserve for Contingencies	1,920,840.28
Reserves Allocated for Taxes, Interest, etc.	11,768,487.86
Acceptances	431,742.18
Interest Collected in Advance	22,123.15
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