

AUSSIES HELP ALLIED MORALE AT SINGAPORE

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Well, they've finally flung the Australians into the battle of Singapore, and allied morale in those troubled parts has zoomed, as it always does when those rangy, fightin' fools go into action.

Unless the old signs have suddenly gone wrong on us, this means that the British have reached a position in their withdrawal down the Malay peninsula where they figure not only on making a stand but on counter-attacking.

The Aussies are good in any type of fighting but they show best—and that means superbly—on the offensive. That probably is the reason they have been held in reserve until this crucial moment.

A commander doesn't just pick his troops haphazardly, unless he has to, but chooses them according to their racial temperament and capabilities. Some are better at holding a line, some in the difficult rear-guard fighting, and the very long suit of the Aussies is very roarin' attack, especially where there's hand-to-hand work with cold steel. We learned all that back in world war number one.

By the way, the Australians in the last war thought the Yanks were great fellers, and the feeling was mutual. It was the American 33rd division and Aussies who staged the first Anglo-American attack of history. That was on July 4, 1918, when the two outfits went over the top on the Somme and fought their way shoulder to shoulder to the capture of Hamel. It was a grand show.

The Australians have gone in to the British line about 120 miles up the peninsula from Singapore. Meantime the initial stages of the actual siege of Singapore itself has begun, with the Japanese making heavy bombing raids on the island. Refugees have been pouring into Singapore from the mainland, and the authorities have prepared for eventualities by mining the great causeway which connects the island and the peninsula.

The greatest weakness of the British continues to be in warplanes, and it is likely that the battle will turn on air-power.

The Dutch have turned to with a will and are fighting over Singapore with their allies. There also may be an indication that British air reinforcements are arriving as a communique from Singapore today states that "large forces" of British aircraft have been attacking the Japs on the peninsula.

Somebody asks what happens if the Japanese capture this great naval base which is the key of the allied defense in the far east. Where do the allies go from there?

First off, Singapore hasn't been lost yet, and the British may be able to hang onto the citadel itself. However, as this column has said before, unless allied air reinforcements arrive, the Nipponese likely will be able to render the base useless for warships. In that case Singapore would be fairly impotent, although it is of vast importance to keep it in British hands, pending the time when the allies can assume the offensive in the battle of the Pacific.

Unfortunately Singapore is the only base in that theatre capable of taking care of a big naval concentration, and under normal circumstances both the American and British fleets could be accommodated there. If it is rendered useless, one assumes that the fleets will divide into units which will base on the Dutch East Indies, so long as the Japs can be stood off from those islands, and after that might retire clear back to Australian bases.

NO JACKPOT?

SPOKANE, Wash., (AP) — The city revenue department, which collects an average of about \$1 a week from its parking meters, has them in the wrong spots.

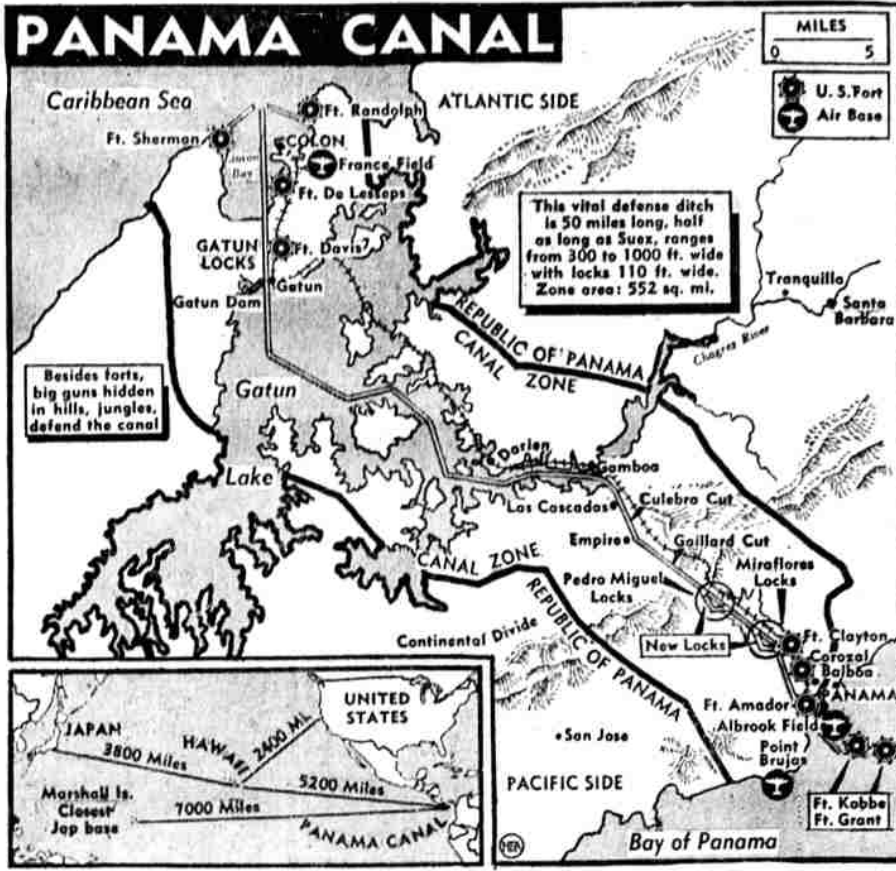
The Athletic Round Table, Spokane fun club, installed one in its club rooms and metered members for the privilege of parking near slot machines.

The week's collection was \$20.50. It went to the Red Cross.

Throw away the clocks, advises Jesse Jones, in effort to speed the war effort. But not the alarm clocks.

Relief for Miseries of HEAD COLDS

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Potential target of enemy saboteurs, warships or bombers is the Panama Canal, strategic shortcut that saves U. S. warships a 10,000-mile trip around South America in emergency inter-ocean transfers. The canal is now one of the most closely guarded zones in the world.

Reinflate Tires Once a Week; Also Switch Wheels

DETROIT, Jan. 19 (Wide World)—Because today's armies travel on rubber and practically all the world's supply comes from the Dutch East Indies and Malaya, in the Pacific war zone, the average motorist has no choice in the matter of taking care of his tires or putting away his car for the duration.

The things that can be done to prolong the life of any tires, new or used, are numerous but simple. The main thing is to keep them properly inflated. It has been said that five pounds of under-inflation cut tire life 20 per cent. Check and reinflate once a week.

If you have a new spare tire in your equipment, you're lucky, but unless you use it you're bound to lose heavily on your investment. An inactive spare tire has been described by one tire maker as similar to an unused muscle, and a liability. Recommended is the switching of wheels, including the spare, every 3000 to 5000 miles.

The switching recommended places the spare on the left front wheel; the left front wheel is moved to the left rear, which is

transferred to the right front. The right front is moved to the right rear and the right rear to the spare-holder.

The things to avoid if you would increase the life of your tires include fast starting, fast driving and fast stopping, brusing the casings by backing into curbs or by striking road bumps and holes. A thing to remember is that oil is a natural enemy of rubber. It acts on rubber like acid on metal. Don't park your car on an oil-coated garage floor.

S. P. Thacher, manager of the tire engineering and service department of the United States Rubber company, maintains that the safe life of tire at 50 miles per hour is only half of what it is at 30 miles an hour. At 70 miles an hour it falls to only 30 per cent of normal expectancy. Thus moderate speed is recommended if you would keep your car rolling on safe rubber.

Uneven and spotty wear of tires suggest the need for wheel alignment; small cuts should be repaired promptly.

When you have observed all these suggestions and obtained something like three or four

years of normal wear out of your tires, you can go still further with re-grooving and then re-capping. You may have some prejudices against these latter operations, but you may have to accept them as part of the sacrifices required by the war.

Re-grooving is done when the treads are worn down almost to the bottom of the non-skid design in the center; recapping comes when the re-grooved substance is worn down almost to the bottom of the grooves. One warning goes with these rejuvenation jobs. They must not be driven at high speed.

(Next: Batteries)
Maybe the fellow who used to say the horseshoe carriage was just a fad will turn out to have been right after all.

MISSIONARIES FIND U. S. BAD EXAMPLE

MERRILL—Missionaries from the United States who answer the call to foreign fields cannot eulogize America when trying to bring the heathen to Christ, according to Blanche Yoemans, Pacific coast secretary for foreign missions, one of a team of four who are visiting Presbyterian churches of southwest Oregon this month. Miss Yoemans, with Rev. Harold Henderson, missionary from Chosen, Dr. John B. Weir, secretary of the north India council, and Rev. Forrest C. Travaille, former pastor of the Merrill Presbyterian church were honored at a tea held Friday afternoon in the high school at which women of the Merrill church were hostesses.

Miss Yoemans stated that less than 50 per cent of the American people are Christians and that the barbaric people of the earth, the heathen, question missionary sincerity when those who are sent to carry the message of Christ come from a country that still engages in war and whose people kill one another.

There is a dire need for more and more missionaries, and a great many fields are open, especially in South America now that the western hemisphere is in need of cooperation against the axis powers, Miss Yoemans said. Brazil at the present time has only 20 missionary workers in the field and 100 have been asked for. The speaker emphasized that the time is ripe for foreign church workers to help in the great crusade for unity.

Short talks were also presented by others of the honor guests who greeted 80 residents of the Merrill, Malin and Tulelake communities.

Tea and coffee were served during the afternoon from two beautifully appointed tables centered with identical arrangements of cellophane flowers in an ivory and green color scheme. Tall ivory tapers flanked the central arrangements and silver tea and coffee services on ecru lace cloths added to the attractive background for refreshments. Pouring at the coffee table were Mrs. Oren Storey,

TULELAKE WOMEN START WAR WORK

TULELAKE — Entrenched firmly behind the men at the front are 75 Tulelake women who gathered here last week at a mass meeting in the Legion hall to pledge hours and more hours of work in the preparation of garments for distribution by the Red Cross. Both knitting and sewing classes will go into action on Thursday of each week as soon as materials now on hand at Red Cross headquarters in Yreka arrive.

Classes in both sewing and knitting will be held for the present in the annex of the Presbyterian church to be moved later to the city hall. Mrs. Frank G. Rhodes has accepted the responsibility of instructing classes in sewing and Mrs. Harry Miller will assist with the knitting.

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TRANSPORTATION NEWS

TWO TRAINMEN DIE IN MADRAS WRECK

MADRAS, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP) — Two trainmen were killed and two others injured early yesterday as a northbound Spokane, Portland and Seattle freight train crashed into the rear of another that had stopped for water at Metolius.

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Insurance Saving Scheme Proposed By Consumer Unit

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 19—Oregon life insurance policyholders would save an estimated \$7,357,300 in premiums during 1942, under a proposal put forth by the Society of American Policyowners a consumer membership group having its national headquarters here.

The proposal is for life insurance companies to adjust their premium rates in line with current death figures instead of on the basis of the American Experience Table of Mortality, which has been in use for rate-making purposes since 1860. It is pointed out that the American death rate has been falling steadily for a good many years but insurance rates have reflected their trend not at all. The society calculates that adoption of a modern mortality table would result in a drop in premiums of \$10 for each thousand dollars of insurance carried. With insurance in force in the continental United States totaling \$111,650,667,306 this would mean a clear saving of \$1,116,506,673 in premiums paid out by American policyholders.

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A MESSAGE TO EVERY CAR OWNER—KEEP YOUR CAR IN SHAPE!

Due to the conditions we all face, you MUST TAKE CARE OF YOUR CAR! With proper care your car will last you for the duration of the war. However, we suggest two VITAL operations, both in the interest of conservation and national defense, and which are a SOUND investment for EVERY car owner.

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2. WHEEL CHECK—Proper wheel alignment will give you hundreds of miles of extra wear from your tires, conserving needed rubber. It will also eliminate excess wear on metal parts such as bearings, bushings, etc.

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