

SECOND PHASE OF BATTLE OF PACIFIC BEGUN

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With the Japanese defeat of Java an accomplished fact for all practical purposes, the battle of the Pacific enters a second phase—the effort of the mikado's forces to consolidate their great gains before retribution overtakes them, and the development of an allied initiative which will operate from Australia and in due course will grow into a counter-offensive.

Unless the signs are all set wrong, the foundations of a powerful base already have been laid in Australia, and further United States reinforcements may be expected in the immediate future. The main forces, of course, will be American and Australian, and that's a happy combination—one to inspire confidence.

The Aussie-Yankee brotherhood in arms was born under a lucky star. The first Anglo-American attack of history was during the first World war when our 33rd division and Australians went over the top together along the Somme on July 4, 1918, and captured Hamel from the Germans in a brilliant action. It's also interesting (and perhaps not unimportant) to note that it is to Uncle Sam that Australia looks in this

greatest crisis of her history—just as Canada does.

The immediate purpose of this gathering of the clans in Australia is to defend this last great allied base in the south-west Pacific from the Japs. But this vast continent also will provide the headquarters from which allied warships and warplanes will harass the Nipponese in their recent conquests, and raid the attenuated lines of communication between Indonesia and Japan.

As previously emphasized in this column, one of Japan's great weaknesses will lie in those sea-lanes, more than 3000 miles in length. Unless she can keep them open, and provide ships from her already severely hit fleet to carry supplies, her conquests instead of providing vast resources will be a millstone about her neck. Australia is the storm center which the Nipponese must now watch.

Because the Japs already have spread themselves over the southwest Pacific as thin as butter on a circus sandwich, one would think they would hesitate to undertake a full-dress invasion of Australia, although they long have coveted it. However, they are flushed with victory and it may be that they



THE JUMP—Those wide open spaces yawn in front of this Para-Ski trooper of army's 503rd parachute battalion being trained in ski and chute technique at Alta, Utah.

will keep on rolling the dice while they are hot.

In any event, it will be strategically logical for them to try to take over some of the northern ports, as a matter of self-protection. Their occupation yesterday of Australian mandated territory on New Guinea, just north of Australia, probably presages further action against the continent.

It is likely that Japan's decision as to how extensive her assault on Australia will be will depend on the amount of resist-

CANTEEN CLASSES TO BE ORGANIZED

Women interested in disaster canteen work are advised an organization meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Room 17, Fremont school, at which time plans will be completed for a 10-hour course. Mrs. Robert Hart will instruct, assisted by Mrs. Layman.

The time and place for the classes will be decided upon Thursday night, according to the wishes of the class. A representative of the Red Cross and a disaster feeding committee

member will be on hand to explain duties.

The course will offer training to women who are willing to help with organization feeding in case of emergency and disaster. There will be no limit on the membership.

DAV Adjutant Asks Centralized News Censorship

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—Vivian Davis Corby, national adjutant of Disabled American Veterans yesterday advocated a centralized control of censorship.

"We need at this time a George Creel," he told an interviewer. "Under Creel's direction during the first World war, the papers knew what they could print; now there are too many different spots that control this information."

Corby left for Eugene, where he will remain until Friday making arrangements for his organization's national convention in August.

SUGAR SHORTAGE DISSOLVES HERE

The sugar shortage dissolved overnight in Klamath Falls' stores and an ample supply of the cane and beet product was reported on the shelves of Klamath retailers, a check disclosed Monday morning.

Housewives were allowed an "unlimited" amount of sugar which meant up to 100 pounds

but not 10 or 15 sacks, as one grocer explained it. One of the larger stores quoted the going price of 10-pound sacks at 60 cents, 100-pound sacks at \$6.10.

There is more sugar on hand at the present time than a month ago. There seems to be no frantic run on the sweet stuff which grocers experienced the early part of the year.

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