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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 13—Commentative moping about Far East results seems to hold that campaign up as the feeblest-witted at all—including Norway and Greece.

The British lost their entire Malayan army at Singapore (the Japs say it numbered 78,000 on surrender day.)

The Dutch, British and our own navy seem to have lost much of the Far Eastern fleet. The Dutch are supposed to have surrendered one army in Java numbering 93,000, although only untrustworthy Jap figures again are available.

Noting this evidence, current popular reasoning seems running along the line that Gen. Wavell's defensive strategy was stupid and that of the Dutch nearly as bad. "Too little, too late," they say. "If these scattered 171,000 troops had been put together with all the scattered naval forces for a drive against the China coast the results might have been different," they say. If . . . If . . . If . . .

You can get nearly any better result than the one that happened by reshuffling strategy and forces on paper now, but all this discussion overlooks the basic reason why the Far East is gone.

The original error was the fatal one, the all inclusive one which never could be redeemed. It was simply that the British and Dutch were sitting out there for years upon the richest portion of the earth and failed to take modern precautions for its protection.

Specifically they had no air force worthy of the name. They had not even built air fields enough to house an airforce if one came. If every allied plane in the world had been shipped out there last December 7, few could have gotten off the ground because no air fields for them had been built.

The British and Dutch had not provided sufficient anti-aircraft guns to defend any vital point. Their troops were not trained to the type of warfare they would encounter, while the Japs had spent years preparing for this special mission of conquest. They simply, madly underestimated what they needed and what the Japs had.

These are fundamental mistakes which date back long before the fighting began. They could not be corrected in a few weeks or a few months. After them, nothing effective could have been done.

ALREADY WON IT
Dismayed British and Dutch statesmen are inclined, like the public now, to analyze events of the past three fighting months in search of the answer for their troubles, rather than these older and more important truths.

It can be seen now the Japs won the Far East before this war began when they took Indo-China, with the placid acquiescence of Vichy. Without it their campaign would not have been possible. The British depended on Thailand to fight, and particularly to offer air fields, but this error, too, proved disastrous. The Japs were halfway down the Malay peninsula before the British even knew where they would have to fight or how.

The Far Eastern correspondents talked of "reinforcements," and the Dutch and British echoed this call, but everyone can now see "reinforcements" within the necessary 30 to 60 days was wholly impossible from the start. From San Francisco to Batavia is 38 days by convoy. A jam-up occurred in our Pacific ports, due largely to a shortage of ships available on-the-spot, after the war began, but even if sufficient non-existent ships, planes, tanks, trained personnel

SIDE GLANCES



"Look at that! After we haul him to the station on our tires all winter, he buys a bike the minute I suggest using his car a while!"

had been waiting in port to go to the outbreak of war, they could not have altered the result in view of the original pre-war mistakes.

What could have broken the back of the Jap offensive is naval blow at the Jap lines of communications, establishment of a beach head on the China coast, maintenance there of a force of dive bombers to prey upon Jap shipping. After Pearl Harbor, we did not have the navy to do it.

CENSORS AT WORK
These facts have been obscured by the deceptive and childish modes of allied publicity and censorship—such things as the Singapore censor suppressing CBS Correspondent Cecil Brown for hinting that Singapore was in a bad way only a week or so before it fell.

They constantly held out hope to the public that Malaya or Java could be defended if only "reinforcements" could be sent, long after they knew reinforcements were impossible, and that the Far East had been doomed by faulty pre-war preparations. The responsibility was British and Dutch, not ours.

That is the plain story of the Far East as history will write it.

ABOUT OLIVES
When it is picked, the so-called "ripe" olive is green in color. It is placed in brine, allowed to ferment for two weeks, and then treated with lye solution, after which it is exposed to the atmosphere, turning the olive black. The lye is bleached out before canning.

From Other Editors

LET ALL KEEP FAITHI (Memphis Commercial Appeal)

The Commercial Appeal does not permit anyone who is not a member of the staff to write editorials. There are many reasons for this rule, reasons too numerous to recount here. Today we suspend the rule to present as an editorial a letter from a member of the Arkansas Bar who served with the United States forces in the first World War. An effort to interpolate or embellish would only serve to detract from the elements of sheer forcefulness that make it a document every thinking citizen of these United States should read and ponder. The letter follows:

"To The Commercial Appeal: My only son was born while I was in France during the first World War. Today he is a member of the United States Marine Corps. He sailed from California the first of January, and we have heard nothing from him since. We know he is somewhere in the Pacific. We are anxious about him. Thousands of other parents are like us.

"The president says we do not have enough ships to send supplies to our troops, and that we must build ships in a hurry. Even as he spoke several hundred shipbuilders refused to work on Washington's birthday because they were not paid double time.

"How can fathers and mothers of boys who are in the danger zone and who are being called upon to sacrifice their lives feel any 'surge' of unity when the president and the congress permit a bunch of shipbuilders and munitions workers

way into the state tournament again.

The Klamath high school Krater today was declared one of the 35 best high school papers in the United States, in competition sponsored by Columbia university.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Klahn, a son, Weight, 7 pounds 5 ounces.

to quit when they get good and ready?

"Do our boys at the front get 'overtime' and 'double time' in the fox holes of the Philippines? Do our sons who are giving their lives to protect the jobs of these and others like them quit on holidays? Like hell they do!

"One of my friends, who is a good mechanic, with a family to support, went to get a job in a munitions plant. Every day we hear on the radio and read in the newspapers that such men are needed to turn out munitions for our soldiers, sailors and marines. But this man was refused a job until he could get a union card. He could not get a union card because he did not have enough money to buy one.

"Is it the idea of our government that it is more important to preserve labor unions than it is to preserve the American Union? Why can't a freeborn American citizen get a job in a plant where the government needs workers without having to pay tribute to a high-powered labor leader?

"If our sons are to be drafted to give their lives for their country, why should not labor and capital be drafted to supply them with munitions of war? Why should congress, which has the power to make laws, be so tender of the regard for laborers and management who work and prosper in safety while having an utter disregard for the lives of the boys at the front?"

"We don't like it, and we don't mind saying so right out loud. Maybe it is time we were electing some senators and congressmen who will crack down and compel capital and labor to get into this war. And, come to think of it, this is election year, and we might as well get busy while we have the time and opportunity."

"JOHN C. SHEFFIELD,"
Helena, Ark.

TEA PLANTS
All of the different kinds of tea come from the same plant, with the differences being due to the processes of culture and curing.

No Complacency Here

THERE is nothing to this talk about complacency over the war insofar as it applies to the common run of folks in this territory. People here are not complacent. They are downright concerned with every phase of the war situation. We have reached the conclusion that the most dangerous attitude on the war is not down among the people with whom we walk and talk in this western community, but is way up at the top.

Take the matter of war production, for instance. There is every evidence here that people are seriously disturbed over the situation. A man whose business takes him out among a great many people, both in town and out in the country, says the feeling over this matter is so intense and so general that he hardly talks to a person who does not mention it to him.

These people—working men, farmers, small business men—are evidently way ahead of the powers that be at the top of labor organizations, industry and the government bureaus, in their attitude toward all-out production and the steps necessary to accomplish it. The common run of people think it is long past time to break up the deadlocks, the fight for power, the selfish attempts to "get all we can out of this" while the country's situation grows increasingly precarious. They think it is time to throw overboard theories of leisure and largess that were politically fostered for the last decade and have persisted into a period where we dare not be soft, where we dare not be leisurely, where we dare not waste time in struggles for profits or domestic power.

We believe that if the men at the top would give the word for a change to "all out," they would be amazed at the response from the rank and file and the secondary leadership. If the men at the top would substitute that word for the flowery protestations of patriotism that flow so easily from them, the men down the line would deliver the goods if it meant the loss of all leisure.

No, there is no complacency here. There is instead a disturbed people, ready and willing to go all the way, waiting only for leadership to prove itself worthy in a time of the greatest danger and stress.

Names and Addresses

A NUMBER of local people have evinced an interest in writing their representatives in Washington with regard to the conditions in the country which are affected by legislative and other governmental activity in Washington. Requests have been received at this newspaper's office for the names and addresses of those representatives. Here they are:

- Senator Charles L. McNary, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.
- Senator Rufus Holman, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.
- Congressman Walter M. Pierce, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

U. S. Bombers May Soon Aid RAF Offensive

LONDON, March 13 (UP)—American-made dive bombers soon will join in the RAF's tremendous offensive against German industry and German warships, which has been launched with devastating raids on the munitions center of Essen, the Paris industrial suburbs and on three German battleships, reliable informants said last night.

Britain will depend entirely on the United States dive bombers, which are expected to start coming soon, and will not produce any of that type of planes in this country, the informants said.

Bombs Dumped
Meanwhile, the RAF's offensive, with only occasional pauses because of bad weather, was gaining momentum with two objectives in view: (1) To give indirect aid to Russia by crippling German production; (2) To aid the royal navy directly in the battle of the Atlantic.

Essen, and the surrounding Ruhr valley, have felt the full might of this new aerial striking force in three raids this week. Air officials said that the havoc caused there was worse than anything ever experienced in Britain. The great Krupp munitions works drew most of the

bombs, dumped by armadas of more than 100 huge planes. The German battleships Tirpitz, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, newest menaces to the allied Atlantic shipping lines, already have come under attack and are being watched or hunted for future attacks.

There has been no further word of the Tirpitz since it was spotted and attacked off the coast of Norway Monday morning. The Gneisenau is at Kiel and the Scharnhorst at Wilhelmshaven, both suffering RAF bomb damage inflicted during the year they were laid up at Brest, during their run through the English channel to home ports, and possibly during raids on their new anchorages.

Courthouse Records

THURSDAY Complaints Filed
Purl Johnson versus Euwana Box company. Suit to collect personal damages. Demands judgment against defendant in the sum of \$18,000 and for further sum of \$750. William P. Lord and Ben Anderson, attorneys for plaintiff.

Justice Court
Alford Smith, overloading truck and trailer. Fined \$10.
Howard E. Reeder, passing with insufficient clearance. Fined \$5.50.
Harold P. Brandness, improper tail light. Fined \$5.50.
Jerry R. Gibson, trapping without license. Fined \$25 and costs.

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Klamath's Yesterdays
From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican March 13, 1902
The Ashland Record reports that J. Frank Adams and son, Will, took 26 fine horses to the L. A. Neil place near Ashland from the Adams place at Merrill, making the trip in four days. The horses go to transfer companies at Seattle.

The Wood River sawmill has changed hands, the buyers being Howard Cunningham and Mr. Kingdom.

Manly Whorton and M. R. Hart of Lakeview soon will receive \$100 reward each for their part in the conviction of Bob Oglesby, who robbed the Lakeview-Paisley stage line in December, 1900.

From The Evening Herald March 14, 1932
Klamath Union high school basketball team has won its

COMING SOON TO THE
PELICAN
nice
"WHAT EVERY GAL SHOULD KNOW!"
by Roxie Hart

SEE Lupe Loop Kay with the best rest Congo on the continent!

5 TUNE HITS — But hits!

Multiple dancing contest — Who's the best dancer? — 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th prizes — \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5 — 1st prize — 1st prize — 1st prize — 1st prize — 1st prize

Never lose your temper!
Never talk to a gent without an introduction!
Who Could Do No Wrong (But, Brother, She Tried!)
ADOLPHE MENJOU
GEORGE MONTGOMERY
Lynne Brown • Midge Brown • Pam Brown
Sara Allgood • William Franklin • Spring Byington • Ted North • Nelson Boydell

NOW PELICAN NOW
THE HEAT-WAVE'S HERE, FOLKS, AND IT'S KAY-LOSSAL!

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with **PLAYMATES**
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and KAY KYSER'S BAND featuring Harry Dabbin, Lib Kahibbi, Sally Mann
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Mickey's Birthday Party
Rolling Rhythm
Last Minute World Events

TODAY and SATURDAY **PINE TREE** TODAY and SATURDAY
WHO KILLED VICKY LYNN?
The amazing answer is revealed in the MOST SHOCKING PICTURE OF THE YEAR!

I WAKE UP SCREAMING
From STEVE FISHER'S SHOCK-SATIONAL NOVEL!

BETTY GRABLE
VICTOR MATURE
CAROLE LANDIS

SECOND FIRST-RUN FEATURE!
Eddie Foy, Jr. in "COUNTRY FAIR"