

### Japs Destroy A U. S. Gunboat

The United States yesterday suffered its first major loss in the undeclared war between China and Japan when the Panay, a U. S. Navy gunboat, was bombed and sunk on the Yangtze River near Nanking. Eighteen Americans were reported missing.

The Associated Press reports that the warship, steaming out of the Nanking battle area, was hit by a bomb from an airplane. More than 50 are known to have been rescued, including crew members, members of the diplomatic staff and civilians.

Among the civilians rescued was a South Carolinian, Weldon Jones, of Greenville, S. C.

Many were wounded seriously. It is feared several were killed.

From Shanghai, The Associated Press reports that the Japanese navy has accepted responsibility for bombing and sinking the Panay.

Shanghai, Dec. 13. (Monday)

The United States gunboat Panay was bombed and sunk in the Yangtze River at a point about 25 miles upstream from Nanking late Sunday, according to official reports radioed to Shanghai.

One or more ships belonging to the Standard Oil Company of New York were sunk at the same time.

From 15 to 20 persons were wounded, and it was feared that a number of persons on the American gunboat were killed. About 100 persons were aboard, including 11 American citizens.

The Panay, a vessel of the U. S. Yangtze River patrol, was steaming up river from Nanking in an effort to escape from the spreading war zone around the Chinese central capital.

**Details Meager**

Up to noon today only meager details of the disaster had arrived. It was known that at least 11 American civilians, three or four Italians, a number of Chinese employees of the U. S. embassy in Nanking, and other non-combatants were aboard. The crew was reported to number 56.

The messages said the ship was sunk as the result of a 'bombing' but did not indicate whether the bombs came from Japanese or Chinese airplanes.

The ship carried two secretaries of the United States embassy, George Atcheson Jr., and J. Paxton Hall, as well as a large group of foreign refugees.

Other Americans known to have been aboard included Weldon Jones of Greenville, S. C., manager of the United Press office in Nanking; Norman Alley of the Universal News Reel; Eric Mayell of the Fox Movietone News Reel, and Roy Squires of Seattle, Wash.

**Farm Tenant Aid Plan Is Explained By Oliver**

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value of the farms, and borrowers may have up to 40 years in which to repay. Interest charged is 3 per cent. Other things being equal, preference will be given to tenants owning their own livestock and equipment or to those able to make a small down payment. However, no loan will be made to a tenant who is able to secure adequate credit from the Federal Land Bank or other sources. All applications for land purchase loans will be filed with the County Supervisor at his office in North Wilkesboro, where further information will be given. The office at North Wilkesboro is open on Thursdays only. It is located in the North Wilkesboro Bank Building. Mr. Oliver states that he is not yet ready to receive applications, and that applicants will be notified further through the papers when applications may be made.

Mr. Oliver emphasized the fact that only a limited number of loans for the purchase and improvement of farms can be made during the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1938. Not more than 10 nor fewer than five of these loans can be made this year in any one county selected.

The tenant land purchase program is being administered in connection with the rehabilitation program, and, although these land purchase loans are limited, regular rehabilitation loans for crop production, and the purchase of livestock and equipment needs, are available in every county to eligible farmers and tenants who cannot obtain suitable credit elsewhere, the supervisor said.

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