

RALEIGH WPA OFFICE APPROVES ARMORY PROJECT

Jap Envoy Says Nation Seeks Peaceful 'Expansion' Will Be Sent To Washington Agency Today

Asserts Will Not Fight Unless U. S. Takes 'Initiative'

NOMURA AIRS VIEWS Claims Country Will Expand Southward to Get Supplies Nearer Home

Japanese Sailors Stay Close to Positions At South China Sea Base

SAIGON, French Indo-China, Feb. 20. — (Thursday) — Japanese sailors at this South China base stayed close to their posts and Japanese officials rushed about in an atmosphere of excitement today, despite professions that nothing was known here about heavy Australian reinforcement of the Singapore base.



American-born Mrs. Juanita Bruton Pagella is one of the two American women in the American ambulance corps in Great Britain.

Arms Housing Survey Slated In Wilmington

WPA to Make a Sample Study of Dwelling Vacancies, Rooms for Rent

SUPERVISOR ASSIGNED

Workers Will Be Instructed Today and Actual Work Begins Tomorrow

Wilmington has been selected as one of the key defense cities in which the WPA nation-wide research project, in cooperation with WPA offices here, will conduct sample surveys of dwelling unit vacancies and rooms for rent at the request of the national defense housing coordinator, Mrs. Gladys B. Proctor, district director of community service programs for the WPA, announced yesterday.

FINANCE MEASURE PASSED BY SENATE

Upper House Also Provides Vote on Consolidation of School Agencies

RALEIGH, Feb. 19. — The senate today passed two major pieces of legislation—the finance bill, and a measure to provide a vote on a constitutional amendment which would consolidate state school administration in a single agency.

GERMANS ATTACK BRITISH IN AFRICA

Masses of Tanks and Armored Cars Assaulted by Nazi Dive-Bombers

ROME, Feb. 19. — Formidable masses of British tanks and armored cars—poised as though for a final thrust into Western Libya—are being assaulted by German dive-bombers, official Italian reports said tonight.

OPPIANS RISE AGAINST ITALIANS

Troops Threaten to Leave Addis Ababa Within a Month

Egypt, Feb. 19. — British warriors of untamed province were described in dispatches today as resisting their Italian rulers' demands that they leave Addis Ababa, the capital, within a month.

Britain Receives Japan's Offer Of War Mediation

London, Feb. 19. — Britain today received a Japanese offer to mediate in the war, according to a "courteous" but also accusing British statement in the Pacific.

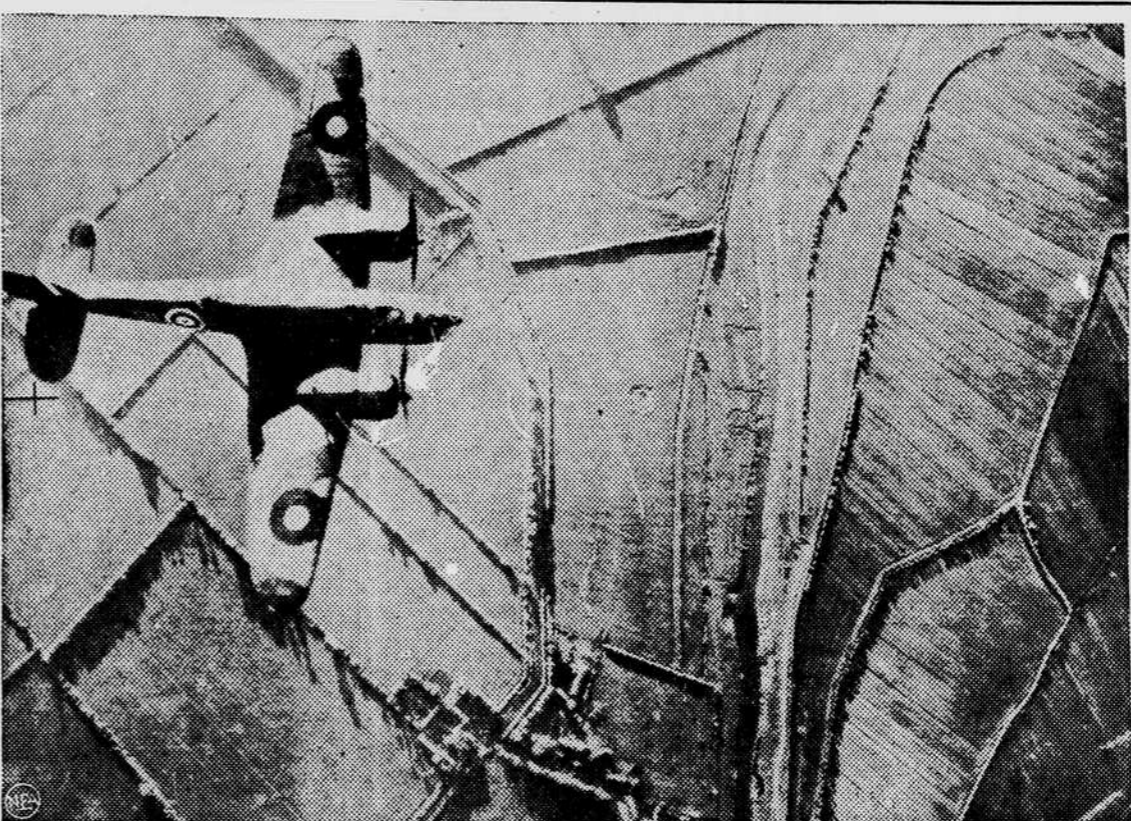
Guam and Samoa Base Proposal Given Speedy Approval by the House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. — A plan to develop naval outposts at Guam and Samoa won speedy and unanimous house approval today after the Navy's high command recommended strongly that a Navy project be "totally disregarded."

Wilmington Ready To Meet Any Pacific War Spread

Wilmington, Feb. 19. — Thousands of men, women and children stood in strength tonight, manning the station of Singapore to spread of the war in the Pacific by bringing in heavy equipment of warplanes and other aircraft to have seizure of air power in the Pacific.

Pattern Of Death For German 'Invaders'



British bombers are making their heaviest raids on the German-held "invasion coasts" these days. This unusual picture shows a British Blenheim bomber over the seaboard of occupied France, apparently during a daytime attack on German bases.

Brunswick County Road Improvement Is Planned

HAS DEFENSE ANGLE Work on 12-Mile Section Of Wilmington-Whiteville Road Costs \$135,000

A WPA improvement project for a 12-mile stretch of U. S. highway 74 in Brunswick county — work which has been considered essential to the furtherance of the national defense program—was announced yesterday by W. Joe Prevatt, Wilmington district WPA supervisor.

ITALIANS OUSTED FROM TWO POSTS

Greeks Claim Fascists Firing on Own Comrades to Make Them Fight

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 19. — A Greek government spokesman asserted tonight that members of an Italian company retreating on the Albanian front were fired on by their own comrades and forced to return to their line.

ARMY ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. — The War Department released the following orders yesterday, dated Feb. 15.

Bailey Urges Full British Aid Even If It Means War

By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. — "A lone republic in a totalitarian world," will be in peril. "Are we capable," he asked, spacing his words to give them emphasis, "of sitting here as a great country—we as senators and the custodians of the security of that country—are we capable of sitting here with money and guns and planes and ships, saying we will build up our defenses at home but we will bide our time; we will take the chance of being the victims of a totalitarian triumph in which the world will be divided amongst three nations not one of

LOCAL SHIPYARDS WORK STEPPED UP

Part of Operations at Sunset Park Are Placed on 24-Hour Basis

Work on the construction of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company yards at Sunset Park was stepped up a pace this week, with part of the operations being placed on a 24-hour basis, J. E. Dennis, contractors' representative, said last night.

HILL IS APPOINTED N. C. COORDINATOR

Heads Clearing House of U. S. Treasury's Law Enforcement Agencies

John Bright Hill, collector of customs, yesterday received official notice of his appointment as North Carolina coordinator of law enforcement agencies of the U. S. Treasury department.

Mighty German Undersea Drive Expected In Spring

By DREW MIDDLETON LONDON, Feb. 19. — A great German undersea offensive is expected in spring with 600 submarines let loose against British shipping was predicted today by a neutral naval source.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for Wilmington, including temperature, humidity, and precipitation data.

Armory-Auditorium Building Is Expected to Cost About \$215,000

PAPERS ARE SIGNED

Special Bond Election Is Necessary to Finance Undertaking Here

A joint city-county application for an armory-auditorium project costing \$215,000 in sponsor and federal funds has been approved by the state headquarters office of the WPA in Raleigh, W. Joe Prevatt, Wilmington district WPA supervisor, announced yesterday.

Going to Washington

The Raleigh office intends to forward it today to Frank March, project control division, federal works agency headquarters office in Washington, D. C.

Garages Not Included

The application did not include the garages for the project, Prevatt explained, and this phase of the work are to be submitted to the WPA by the city and county governments at a later date.

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