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'A Nation Indivisible...'



Braving a biting wind, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, above, unboxed by the cares of office, stands at attention in Washington during wreath-laying ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial. With the President is his new naval aide, Capt. John McCreia.

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"It is doubtful if ever in the history of Wilmington there was a committee of more importance named to serve than the Post War Planning committee," Mr. Jones said.

"This committee will plan the post-war future of this area; provide a 'cushion' for that grim era which is to come; plan now where by our businesses, industrial enterprises, agriculturists may continue to earn a livelihood; prepare now where by our economic structure may be developed to absorb

Big Shakeup In Churchill Cabinet Asked

Prime Minister Faces Demand As Result Of Escape Of Nazi Ships

NATION AWAITS WORD Investigation To Be Made By Navy, Air Force Into Channel Fiasco

BY E. C. DANIEL LONDON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill faced a menacing opposition demand tonight to reorganize his cabinet in the wake of the humiliating Dover straits dash by German battleships and the disastrous turn of the Battle of Singapore.

The threat came barely two weeks after the greatest vote of confidence ever given his 21-months-old government. There was general indignation and dismay at the feat of the German squadron which fought its way past Britain's front gate and escaped to the safety of German haven in the North sea, 700 miles from Brest, where it started.

Three Navy Airplanes Missing In Mountains

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Navy reported today that three of its planes were missing in the rugged, mountainous San Diego back country.

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HOLD RESERVOIRS Imperials Counter-Attack At One Point And Establish New Line

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Singapore's defenders fought back in a blazing hell tonight, using tanks for the first time and subjecting the constricting Japanese lines to violent shelling from big shore guns, field batteries and warships.

After six days of terrific battle, with the advantages of overwhelming numbers and of continuous high, low and dive bombing to shatter a gallant foe, the Japanese were finding Singapore an exceedingly tough nut to crack. In fact, the defenders even regained some ground in counter-attacks.

Hold Reservoirs

The British Imperials still held at least two of the water reservoirs from which to quench the thirst of thousands of civilians at their back, the Singapore radio was heard to say in Batavia tonight.

"Our troops counter-attacked at one point at least and established a new line," the broadcast announced.

Tanks In Action

The Singapore broadcast heard in Batavia said British tanks went to the front lines at one point.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE SENT INTO INDIES

Government Weighs Question Of Calling Airmen Home From England

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Strong Australian reinforcements poured into the Netherlands East Indies today and the government weighed the question of calling home Aussie airmen from England to join in the United Nations defense of the southwest Pacific.

MOORE QUILTS CIVIL SERVICE POSITION

Prominent Physician Resigns As Chairman Of The Wilmington Board

Government Rejects Bids On Large Durham Camp

The final completion date for the entire work has been set for August 1. However, earlier completion dates will be specified for various parts of the project, according to the statement from Col. Sharrer.

Jap Shipping Attacked By Large U. S. Bombers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The biggest concentration of huge, four-engined United States Army bombers yet reported in the Pacific campaign attacked Japanese shipping today in the Macassar area, a theatre in which the United Nations have struck some of their hardest blows at the enemy.

ATTACK IN SUMATRA

Defenders Of Oil-Refining Area Of Palembang Wipe Out Parachutists

MORE NEW EXPECTED

Pladju, Along Musi River, Believed To Be One Of Main Goals Of Drive

By WITT HANCOCK BATAVIA, N. E. I., Feb. 14.—(AP)—The battle for the Netherlands East Indies began in earnest today even before the Battle of Singapore was finished when Japanese assault troops in 100 fighter-protected planes attacked the oil-refining area of Palembang in Sumatra. They were met by defenders who wiped out parachutists by the "dozens."

RUSSIAN TROOPS ADVANCE ON NORTH CENTRAL FRONT

NAZIS MEET ATTACKS

'Kalinin Front' Now Within 100 Miles Of Latvia And Estonia

MOSCOW, Feb. 14.—(AP)—An advance on the north central front measured in "tens of kilometers" was reported today in Red Army dispatches, but German counter-attacks persisted in many sectors and at one point west of Moscow both German and Finnish ski troops were thrown into action.

JAPANESE CROSS SALWEEN AGAIN

Bombs From British Planes Thin Their Ranks Near Paan, However

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Japanese troops have forced a second crossing of the Salween river near Paan but the fragmentation bombs of a squadron of British Blenheims have thinned their ranks so fearfully that enemy pressure eased tonight along the entire east Burma front.

Prime Objective It was believed that one of the prime objectives of the attack was Pladju, about three miles west of Palembang along the Musi river, an important refining center for the south Sumatra oil fields. Observers said the Japanese apparently had resorted to aid invasion because Palembang is difficult to attack from the sea. More than 300 miles south of Singapore and about 250 miles northwest of Batavia, the city lies 56 miles inland. It is connected with the Strait of Bangka, which lies between Sumatra and the tin smelting island of Bangka, by the Musi river which threads almost impenetrable marsh and jungle.

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