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## ENEMY SUBMARINE SHELLS CALIFORNIA COAST

### Raider's Fire Misses Mark, Officials Say

### No Casualties Or Fires Caused And Damage Is Reported Slight

### 25 SHOTS ARE FIRED

### First Attack On Continental United States Since World War I

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Feb. 23.—(P)—A submarine appeared tonight near Goleta, some seven miles north of there, and fired between a dozen and two dozen shells at an oil refinery near the shore. An authoritative source said there were no casualties and no damage, and that no fires were caused by the shelling.

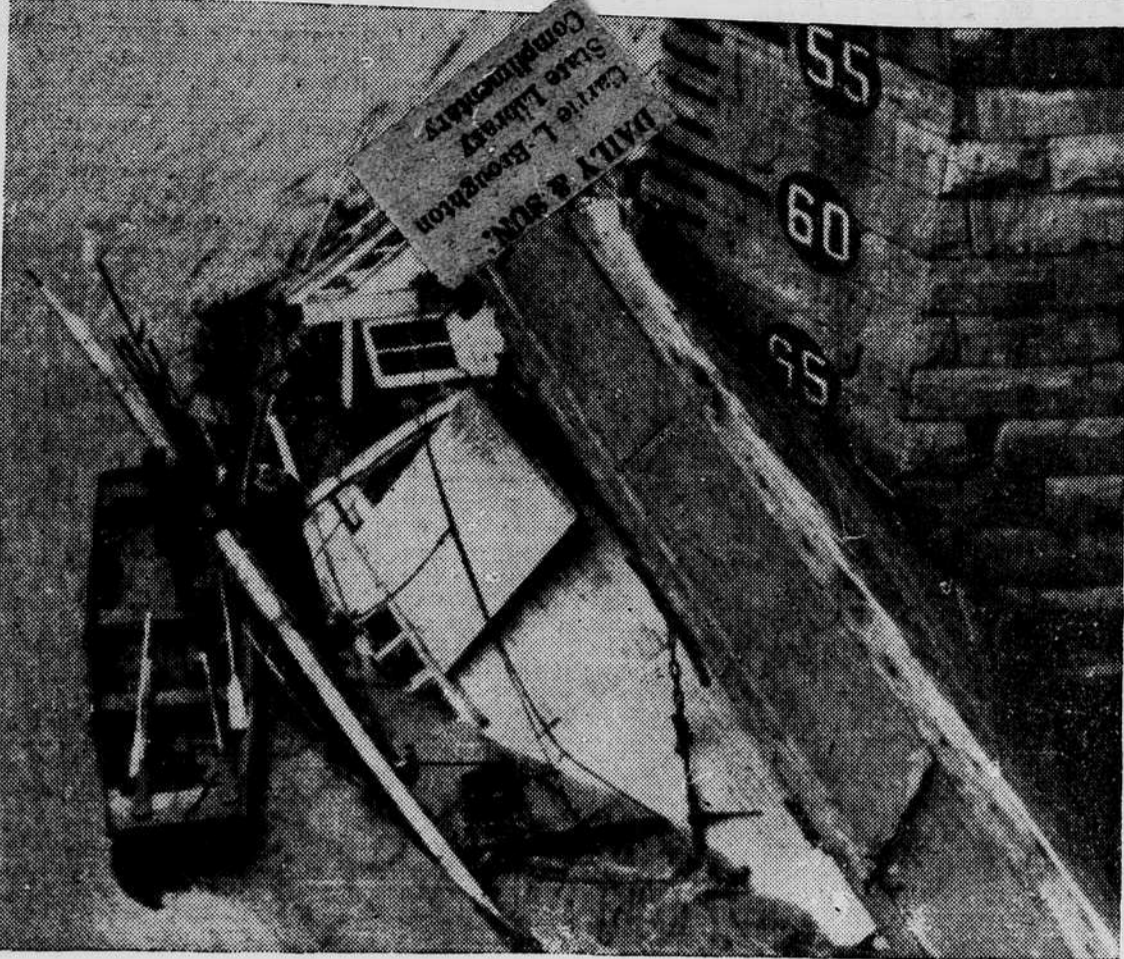
Police were informed the submarine appeared at about 10 o'clock and that the shelling continued for several minutes. Asked by police about damage, the manager of the refinery, who reported the incident, replied: "I don't know. I'm too busy dodging shells."

Location of the refinery was given as between Goleta and Elwood, a half-mile from the latter. At Los Angeles, President L. L. Aulet of the Bankline Oil company, which owns the refinery in the Goleta area, was practically unharmed and only one piece of equipment was hit. He declined to say what the equipment was.

Shells burst in field. Business said most of the shells exploded in a field and one near Highway 101, bursting into the foothills.

The Bankline and Rio Grande companies own wells in the area. The witnesses pointed out that the shelling started about the time the president began to give his fireside chat. It was the first time that enemy shells have fallen on soil of the continental United States in World War I. In the First World War there was only one attack on this territory proper, and that was of an enemy submarine. A German U-boat sank a tugboat towing barges off Cape Cod and some of the shells were reported to have fallen on the coast, at a point now marked by a buoy.

Getting bolder. In the present struggle, the Axis submarines are getting bolder and bolder. Only last week Axis submarines broke into the Caribbean through the outer screen of American and Allied bases, shelling the important oil refining island of Trinidad and sinking a number of ships.



SIXTEEN MISSING AS TUG RAMS BRIDGE. Thirteen men and three women, many of whom were trapped in their banks when the Ohio river tugboat G. W. McBride struck a bridge pier, at Newport, Ky., were listed as missing and feared lost. The tug, shown here as she rested against the bridge pier of the Louisville-Nashville railroad bridge, was pushing four heavily-laden coal barges toward Cincinnati when she swung sideways and struck the bridge. Only five crew members were known to have escaped.

## Reds Move Within 50 Miles Of Smolensk In New Drive

### Full-Scale Central Front Attack Menaces Nazi Winter Headquarters

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Soviet forces have driven to within 50 miles of the German winter headquarters at Smolensk in a full-scale central front attack which started yesterday morning, the Russians announced today.

The Soviet information bureau said the spearhead of this drive had reached Dorogobuzh, northeast of Smolensk on the Sozh river. This town lies about 15 miles south of the main Smolensk-Moscow railroad and is the terminus of a connecting branch line.

Dorogobuzh also is beyond Vyazma, one of the key Nazi winter defense pivots. The midnight communique which told of stubborn battles in this area said that in addition to Dorogobuzh, a number of other populated centers were liberated.

Heavy aerial fighting accompanied the Russian advance and the official announcement said that yesterday 28 German planes were destroyed, eight of them on the ground. Twelve Soviet planes were acknowledged lost.

Elaborating on the information bureau's communique, a radio announcement said the full-scale assault toward Smolensk included tank squadrons and masses of infantry.

### Draft Dodger Changes His Mind, Registers

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—(AP)—David Nyvall, Jr., changed his mind today and registered for selective service. The 20-year-old art student was arrested last Monday on a charge of violating the draft law. Pleading guilty, he said he had refused to register because he had no grudges against the Japanese and "didn't want to kill anybody." His father deposed to post bond and chose to let him sit in jail and think things over.

Today, the youth filled out his registration card in the office of the United States marshal and then returned to jail. He is to appear in court March 9, when probation investigators will hand a report on his case to Federal Judge William J. Campbell.

### SHIP TORPEDOED OFF CUBAN COAST

### Vessel Reported Enroute To U. S. With Cargo Of Sugar

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Cuban naval chief announced tonight that the freighter Cofresi of 5,000 to 6,000 tons was torpedoed off the south coast of Cuba while enroute to the United States with 50,000 bags of Cuban sugar.

Commodore Julio Diez Arguelles, who made the announcement after conferring in the presidential palace with President Fulgencio Batista, said the nationality of the vessel was unknown to him. It is not listed in Lloyds' register of shipping.

### SHUTDOWNS SLOW DEFENSE EFFORTS

Numerous Plants Closed By Wage Disputes Or Other Difficulties. Approximately 17,000 workmen remained away from their machines on the West Coast yesterday.

The shutdown occurred only in small plants around San Francisco bay, at Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore. The big plants engaged in manufacturing warplanes and ships kept operating because labor contracts—crux of the situation in smaller factories—covered holiday work.

Employers of labor in the small plants said they could not pay the double time called for in AFL contracts while union leaders said they could not ask their men to work for less.

In Berkeley, Calif., the 550 employees of the Hall Scott Motor company worked and turned over their day's wages of time and one-half to the Navy Relief society. General manager Robert P. Palmgren said the employees suggested it. The company makes Marine engines for Britain.

The holiday was marked by another labor dispute in San Pedro, Calif., where nearly 3,500 CIO workers walked out of the Bethlehem shipbuilding Corp. yards in protest, their spokesman said, against a 10-hour day initiated Feb. 12.

## ROOSEVELT DECLARES ALLIES WILL SOON TAKE OFFENSIVE AND DRIVE ON TO VICTORY

### U. S. Bombers Destroy Nine Jap Warships

### Twenty-Four Others Reported Damaged In Fighting Since January 1

### 48 PLANES WRECKED

### MacArthur Victor In Philippine Campaign; Lull Gives Troops Respite

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The score of American warplanes fighting in The Netherlands Indies was placed by the War department today at nine or more Japanese ships sunk, 24 damaged, and 48 enemy planes destroyed since January 1.

To this toll, six medium Jap bombers were believed added today as a result of a raid on a Japanese-held airfield at Denpasar on the island of Bali. A formation of Flying Fortress bombers executed this raid scoring several direct hits and returning to their home bases unscathed.

The summary of losses inflicted on the foe was given in a communique which said it represented incomplete estimates. Officials said it excluded full returns from the air and sea battle of Bali and all blows dealt by the Navy and by forces of other United Nations.

### AUSTRALIA TAKES WAR TO JAPANESE

### Planes Bomb Jap Installations On Islands 800 Miles Away

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The strategic and threatened northern Australia area clustered around Port Darwin, twice bombed by Japanese bombers, went under military control tonight as the continent braced itself against the Japanese now less than 400 miles away.

The restricted area extended some 300 miles south to Birdum at the end of a railway from Darwin on the vital rail-highway-rail link through the center of Australia.

### Daring Divers Recover \$10,000,000 In Gold From Sunken Liner

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb. 23.—(AP)—A daring, year-long hunt for sunken treasure, rivalling anything ever told in story books, has been completed with recovery of \$10,000,000 worth of gold bullion from the hulk of the sunken British liner Niagara in mine and shark-infested waters off Auckland.

With the bars of precious metal stowed away safely in a bank vault, the full story of the recovery became known today. The treasure hunt was organized shortly after the Niagara, bound from New Zealand to Canada, struck a mine and went down 60 miles off Auckland June 19, 1940. But it was not until Feb. 2, 1941, that the wreck was located.

A Melbourne salvage company took over the operations under contract to the Commonwealth bank. Veteran divers were enlisted and guaranteed a percentage of all the gold they retrieved. Besides risking their lives, they staked their assets on the success of their task. Some mort-

gaged their homes. But today they're in the money. In diving to the ocean floor they counted 150 miles. Chief Diver John Johnstone of Melbourne established a world record with a 528-foot descent in an observation bell.

They found the Niagara lying on her side and it was necessary to blast a hole through her plates and cut away the decks to reach her strong room. A special explosive made of gelignite with a core of gun cotton was used. Charges were lowered in a container silt on one side, which was placed against the part to be cut away.

This work was directed by telephone from a diver in an observation bell. In the slow and painstaking preliminaries it was necessary for the diver to return to the surface before each charge was set off. Altogether 4,000 pounds of explosives were used before the way was cleared to the strong room and its vast trove.

The first of the yellow bars was brought to the surface last Oct. 13, the last on Dec. 7.

### "We, Not They, Will Win The Final Battles," President Pledges

### LONG STRUGGLE SEEN

### But Increasing War Production Will Give Us Superiority, He Promises

By RICHARD L. TURNER. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said tonight that America had been "compelled to yield ground" to its enemies, but he added that with constantly increasing war production, the Allies would take the offensive soon and drive on to victory.

"We and the other United Nations are committed to the destruction of the militarism of Japan and Germany," he said. "We are daily increasing our strength. Soon, we and not our enemies, will have the offensive; we, not they, will win the final battles; and we, not they, will make the final peace."

Despite cruelly long distances involved, the President disclosed, "a large number of planes" manned by American pilots, "are now in daily contact with the enemy in the southwest Pacific." And, he said, "thousands of American troops" are also in the area.

The chief executive also said recent surveys had disclosed that the prodigiously high production goals established two months ago would be attained, and this, he repeatedly emphasized, was the key to victory.

Mr. Roosevelt spoke by radio from the White House in the third major address he has made since the country entered the war. Among his millions of listeners were 60 democratic party gatherings throughout the country.

These are "the gatherings which are usually held on Jackson day early in January but were postponed this year. Contributors to the party's campaign fund are invited to them and democratic leaders predicted the dinners would more than wipe out the \$600,000 deficit remaining from the 1940 campaign. The principal dinner—"

## British Admit Burma 'Gravely' Threatened

### Japanese, Reinforced From Singapore, Smashing Swaying English Line

By WILLIAM J. HUMPHRIES. LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—All Burma was threatened gravely tonight as Japanese assault units, probably reinforced by troops from Singapore, were reported still smashing against the swaying British lines between the Bilin and Sittang rivers.

British authorities admitted that hopes for holding Rangoon were dwindling and that its fall probably would open the way to Japanese invasion of the whole colony, the barrier to India and gateway to China.

The scant news of the Burma fighting came from Calcutta and Chungking, suggesting that the cable to Rangoon, at the mouth of the muddy Irrawaddy river, had been cut.

Meager official accounts available here said the greatly outnumbered British were fighting desperately in a triangle at the top of the Gulf of Martaban but slowly were being forced back upon the Sittang, only 20 miles from the important Rangoon-Mandalay-Lashio railway which until last week fed supplies to the Burma road.

### CHURCHILL MAY YIELD TO INDIA

### Expected To Make Concessions In Return For Increased Military Aid

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Japanese drive into Burma, eastern gateway to India, has sharpened the urgency for British political concessions to India's millions in exchange for a greater war effort on their part and Prime Minister Churchill is expected to make a statement soon clarifying the situation.

Just what line of action Churchill would propose remained unclear but Whitehall informants cautioned that it would be a mistake to regard either the British government or Indian party representatives as prepared for a quick solution.

These informants pointed out that, while there has been a swing of Indian national leaders from benevolent neutrality to partial cooperation with Britain, there still remains a big problem in placating Mohammed Ali Jinnah's potent all-India Moslem league.

"There is no indication that Jinnah's followers have abandoned their aim of creating Moslem states," said one source. "There still are 100,000,000 Moslems in India who believe themselves a superior element to the 200,000,000 Hindus. "The Hindus hold fast to an all-

VACANT PROPERTY Costs Real Money! The cost of a STAR-NEWS "For Rent" ad is usually only a small fraction of the first month's rent from the property. The demand for living quarters is so heavy right now that many "For Rent" ads bring tenants on the very first day.

## Army May Draft Fewer From Farm Labor Ranks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—About 70 per cent of all Selective Service registrants classified so far have been deferred, Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey reported today, but that percentage is expected to drop sharply as a result of the Army's recent relaxation of standards for teeth and eyesight.

The Selective Service director, however, made plain that the supply of essential civilian workers, such as farm laborers, should not be depleted by the draft. Questioned by the House Agriculture committee in a study of a threatened farm labor shortage, he said that many farm boys were reluctant to seek deferment lest they be thought unpatriotic.

They don't try to get exemptions," He added that the problem was one for local draft boards to handle and suggested that their agricultural members be more active in opposing I-A classifications for essential farm workers.

Rep. Flannaghan (D-Va.) told Hershey that the country "is getting fed up on suggestions" and "would appreciate it if you would assert your authority and tell some of the draft boards where to head in."

## WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Rain, mixed with snow in the mountains, not much change in temperature except colder extreme west portion Tuesday. South Carolina: Rain, not much change in temperature Tuesday. (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

By U. S. Weather Bureau. Temperature 1:30 a. m. 40; maximum 52, 7:30 a. m. 34; minimum 32, 1:30 p. m. 52; mean 42. 7:30 p. m. 46; normal 49. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 57, 7:30 a. m. 69, 1:30 p. m. 32, 7:30 p. m. 54. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.09 inches. Total since the first of the month 2.14 inches. Tides (From Tide Tables Published By U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington High 4:28a 11:34a Low 4:35p 8:36p Masonboro Inlet 2:07a 8:36a 2:35p 8:51p Sunrise: 6:47a. Sunset: 6:03p. Moonrise: 12:35p. Moonset: 1:55a. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

## SCHOOLS ASK BIDS ON NEW PROJECTS

### Proposals Call For One New Building And Additions To Two Others

Call for sealed proposals on general and heating and plumbing contracts on a new school building on Chestnut street, a second story to the Bradley's Creek building and an addition to the Peabody building was issued Monday by Dr. John T. Hoggard chairman of the Board of Education of New Hanover county.

Bids will be received by the board until 12 o'clock Thursday, March 12, Dr. Hoggard said. In announcing the call for proposals on the three projects, Doctor Hoggard said this was the last section of the nine-project expansion program being constructed at a total cost of \$67,000 with \$614,000 being furnished by the federal government and \$25,000 by the county.

While these are the last of the construction contract awards to be made, Dr. Hoggard said the board expected to call for bids on equipment for the new buildings and additions possibly within two weeks. He said the classrooms were expected to be ready for occupancy by September 1. The Chestnut street building, (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

## Earth-Bound Generation Of Men Is Disappearing

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—(AP)—This is the last generation of earth-bound men. The next one will have wings. Technology will be its servant and it will think differently than the ordinary grownups of today.

Even young children might be taught the elements of parachute operation. High school students will go on to the science of aeronautics. This country will have specialists by the million.

All this is plainly foreshadowed by the awakening of America to its needs in the face of danger. "This change," said Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, Philadelphia superintendent of schools, "began several years ago in many parts of the world, but we, along with some of our neighbors, resisted it and refused to recognize its coming. "Even though our country now is

building airplanes in swarms and is rapidly becoming the greatest air power in the world, we who teach have not fully realized the significance of the new day for the schools. "Are we, the last generation of the earth-bound, able to teach this new generation, the first generation with wings?" To do so, Dr. Stoddard said, the educational system must be flexible and efficient enough to switch even to the extreme of teaching parachute operation to young children; to substitute airplanes for apples in arithmetic problems; to carry air-mindedness into art and dramatics, and to learn and teach the hundreds of new words coined by new technologies. In addition the schools must step up immeasurably their efforts to