

# Reds Hint Jap Position Becoming More Complex

(By The Associated Press) MOSCOW, May 31.—The Red Army newspaper Red Star said today in a review of the war in the Pacific region that the Japanese command is facing new difficulties with expansion of the zone of combat.

# U. S. AIR POWER GROWS IN INDIA

## Aerial Supply Line To China One Of Three Things In Offing

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—With United States air power in India growing steadily, the aeronautical chamber of commerce said today official reports indicated these three major efforts were in the offing:

1. Establishment of an aerial supply line to China.
  2. Driving the Japanese out of Burma.
  3. Launching of a large-scale air offensive against the Japanese in India.
- At least six types of American warplanes, already are smashing at the Japanese from India or being prepared for forthcoming campaigns.
- Among warplanes known to be based in India, the chamber reported, were:
- Boeing B-17-E (Flying Fortress) 4-engine bomber powered with Wright cyclone air-cooled engines.
  - Consolidated B-24 (Liberator) 4-engine bomber with Pratt & Whitney twin wasp air-cooled engines.
  - North American B-25 2-engine bomber with Wright cyclone engine—(This is the plane used by American fliers led by Brig. Gen. James Doolittle in the April raid on Tokyo.)
  - Lockheed Hudson 2-engine reconnaissance bomber powered with either Pratt & Whitney or Wright cyclone engines.
  - Curtiss P-40-E fighter plane with Allison liquid-cooled engine.
  - Douglas C-47 troop transport powered with Pratt & Whitney twin wasp engines.

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# ALLIED BOMBERS BLAST JAPANESE

## Fires Visible Eighty Miles Away Are Set In Solomon Islands

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, May 31.—(AP)—Fires visible 80 miles were lighted by United States and Australian bombers which made a 2,000-mile round-trip to raid a Japanese seaplane base at Tulagi in the Solomon Islands on Friday night.

Tanaboga and Gaavutu, also in the Solomons northeast of Australia, were bombed and anti-aircraft guns were silenced, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said.

At least one Japanese seaplane was destroyed at Tulagi along with fuel dumps, wharves and adjoining buildings. The enemy overran the Solomons early in the Pacific war.

The general announced that a Distinguished Service Cross had been awarded to an artillery colonel, Albert C. Searle of Atascadero, Calif., for "extraordinary heroism in action Feb. 27 at Bandoeng," captured summer capital of Dutch Java. Searle, facing certain capture, volunteered to organize United States artillery units supporting other Allied forces defending the Praeger Plateau, the citation said.

Purple Heart awards were made to Lieut. Gerald J. Dix of Sullivan, Ind., and Sgt. David Semple of Salt Lake City.

Dix, who had the U. S. aircraft tender Langley and the naval auxiliary Pecos sunk under him, manned a machinegun on the Langley during a heavy bombing despite a shrapnel wound.

Semple was bombardier on a bomber which successfully attacked a Japanese convoy landing on the north Java shore. At least two Japanese ships were sunk.

Semple and Dix both are on duty in Australia.

# WAGE-HOUR LAW RULING EXPECTED

## Supreme Court Is Due To Pass On Overtime Provision Of Act

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Litigation involving interpretation of overtime provisions of the wage-hour act and constitutionality of a state law for the sterilization of habitual criminals awaits supreme court action tomorrow at what will be "unless otherwise ordered," the final session of the 1941-42 term.

There was considerable doubt whether the justice would be able to complete their work by the time court convenes at noon tomorrow. A total of 21 cases must be disposed of before the four-month summer adjournment begins. Last Monday there were opinions in only six cases. If the term is not wound up tomorrow, another session will be held the following Monday.

In the wage-hour litigation, the government contended the additional compensation for overtime must be paid employees even though they received a fixed weekly salary above the amount required by the act. Overtime compensation should be based, the government argued, on an hourly wage arrived at by dividing the weekly salary by the number of hours actually worked.

Combating this contention, the overnight motor transportation company, Inc., of Baltimore asserted that the act required only a weekly salary large enough to pay the minimum wage for the first 40 hours and time and one-half for any overtime worked.

In another case involving similar issues, the A. H. Belo Corporation, publisher of the Dallas Morning News and owner of radio station WFAA, defended contracts with employees fixing an hourly wage and guaranteeing a weekly salary in excess of the wage-hour act requirements.

The sterilization case affected an Oklahoma law applying to persons convicted for the third time of "crimes amounting to felonies involving moral turpitude." During arguments supreme court justices displayed great interest in the fact that the Oklahoma statute included chicken-stealing as a crime and exempted embezzlement. The state Attorney General said he had "very serious doubts" about its constitutionality on account of exemptions.

# Few Select Friends Will Attend Rites Of John Barrymore

HOLLYWOOD, May 31.—(AP)—John Barrymore, who in life loved crowds and laughter and gaiety, will make his last appearance Tuesday in semi-obscure when a few old friends assemble to pay him final honors in a serene setting symbolic of the peace he found in his dying hours Friday.

# THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

SOME DAY THE CANADIAN BRANCH OF NIAGARA FALLS WILL CUT AROUND BEHIND GOAT ISLAND AND STEAL THE WATER THAT NOW GOES OVER THE AMERICAN FALLS... LEAVING THE AMERICAN SIDE BONE DRY.

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IS THIS SOLDIER AT THE POSITION PARADE REST, TRAIL ARMS, ORDER ARMS, OR ATTENTION?

ANSWER: Parade rest.

# Conference Is Planned On Stabilizing Wages

By JACK BELL. WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—A proposal for a national conference of employers and employees to effect a wage stabilization agreement in war industries came today from administration circles in Congress, apparently with the unofficial approval of members of the War Labor board.

Senator Hill of Alabama, the democratic whip, suggested that President Roosevelt convene such a conference with the objective of drafting a general policy on wages similar to the no-strike, no-lockout agreement reached late last year by labor and management.

"I believe we can get an agreement by putting the democratic processes into action," Hill declared. "The no-strike agreement effectively stopped strikes and a similar agreement on wages would prevent inflationary pay increases and would stop a lot of this 'piracy' of war workers from one firm to another against which the manpower board has had to take action."

Agreeing that some substantial results might be accomplished, Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Finance committee said it was his understanding that several members of the War Labor board looked with favor on the idea of a national wage conference.

George said that while the board had been attempting to level off wages and tie them to a cost of living, its services were invoked in a relatively small percentage of cases.

Because of a shortage of skilled labor, he said, many employers are acquiescing readily to wage increases in order to keep their workmen and to entice others to their plants. The board had no power, he added, to apply brakes to pay increases in such cases.

"More and more," George added, "wages are becoming the biggest problem in any attempt to ward off inflation. In fact, it could almost be said that they are now the determining factor in the effort to maintain the price structure intact."

"You cannot control prices and you cannot prevent inflation with no control over wages and we have no effective control at this time."

# ALLIES ARE URGED TO STRIKE AT JAPS

## Chinese Ask Them To Utilize Available Air Bases For Direct Assault

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Major General Chu Shin-Ming, Chinese military attaché, pleaded today that the United Nations act quickly to strike at Japan from the Chinese air bases threatened by Japanese advances.

"Planes and parts can still be flown into China," the attaché said. "So can pilots and bombs. Air fields have been built there, dozens of them, in the hope that American planes would arrive."

"For instance, from the fields in Chekiang, which the Japanese are now driving toward, the Japanese manufacturing center of Nagasaki is only a three-hour flight and could be bombed every day."

"From these fields, the important Japanese naval base on Formosa is only one hour across the water. From these fields American planes could smash the steady stream of Japanese ships that now moves through the China sea, supplying the Japanese and the Philippines."

"Such an offensive opportunity, if grasped by the United Nations, would force the Japanese to draw their Navy and air force back to protect their communications, and would relieve India and Australia from danger."

General Chu spoke on the army radio program sponsored by the war department.

"While realizing that the war is world-wide in scope, it is my opinion that China presents the number one military opportunity of the United Nations, and it is an opportunity which, if not grasped quickly, may not exist much longer," he said.

# DAVIS IS DRAWING ON TRUCK CROPS

## \$13,000 Spent By Camp On Buying Vegetables During May

Once again, with the return of spring, Camp Davis is looking to farmers of Southeastern North Carolina to feed the men stationed at and near the camp as the time for harvesting truck crops in this section goes into full swing.

During the month of May, figures released yesterday in the office of Lieut. Col. William R. Schaefer, Camp Davis Quartermaster, show, the camp expended approximately \$13,500 for truck products grown in this vicinity and indications are that figures will be materially increased during the month of June. The \$13,500 does not include any of the payments made to wholesalers located in other sections, but represents only purchases made of products actually grown in the southeastern section of the state and reflects the amount of money which has gone rolling into farmer pockets.

Items which were purchased in this vicinity by the Quartermaster Market Center at Wilmington for the use of troops subsisted by Camp Davis included lettuce, strawberries, turnip salad, cabbage, sweet potatoes, radishes, beets, spinach, string beans, cauliflower, and green peas.

In all, the camp expended approximately \$45,500 for fresh fruits and vegetables for the month of May, representing between 18 and 20 percent of the total amount of money expended during the month for feeding the troops.

A recapitulation of all fresh fruit and vegetable items purchased for the camp during the month of May follows: 1,520 crates of lettuce, 1,265 crates of strawberries, 1,900 bushels of apples, 145 hampers of turnip salad, 430 crates of lemons, 220 crates of radishes, 440 hampers of beets, 58 crates of green onions, 685 bags of cabbage, 850 bushels of sweet potatoes, 1,022 hampers of spinach, 730 50-lb. bags of onions, 345 bushels of carrots, 682 crates of grapefruit, 880 40-lb. boxes of bananas, 315 bags of corn, 830 hampers of string beans, 2,485 lbs. of tomatoes, 515 crates of oranges, 1,410 bags of potatoes, 515 hampers of cauliflower, 2,410 hampers of green peas, 90 crates of asparagus, 250 crates of green peppers, 270 crates of celery, 22 crates of limes, 245 hampers of squash and 30 hampers of cucumbers.

# Italians Say British Admiral Is Captured

ROME (From Italian Broadcasts), May 31.—(AP)—A supplement to the Italian high command communiqué said today that a British admiral, Sir Walter Cowan, once commander-in-chief of British naval forces in North America and British West Indian waters, had been taken prisoner in Africa.

"At the moment of his capture he was with the Third Indian brigade," the supplement said.

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—Admiral Sir Walter Henry Cowan, whose capture in Africa the Italians claimed today without confirmation here, had been on the Royal navy's retired list for eight years when the war started.

He resumed active service, went to the Middle East and was assigned to special duties at Tobruk, Libya.

On his 70th birthday last July he told interviewers he wished "to die on the battlefield, not in bed."

# Russian Sailors Liberate 62 Men In Daring Attack

## No Retaliatory Raids Made Upon England

MOSCOW, May 31.—(AP)—Sailors of the Russian Baltic fleet were reported today to have made a daring raid behind the German lines to a prison camp northwest of Lake Ilmen where they killed the guards and rescued 62 soldiers and sailors.

The report said the rescuers found 250 prisoners lying in a yard dying of starvation. Their evening ration was described as soup boiled from tree bark. Many of the men were unable to move.

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—There were no retaliatory air raids on England up to dusk tonight.

"During the hours of daylight today," said the communiqué of the Home Security Ministry, "there has been nothing to report."

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