

Trio Who Escaped To Tell Of Jap Atrocities In Prison



Three American officers who escaped from the Japanese and whose sworn statements were the basis of the Army-Navy report on Jap atrocities against prisoners in the Philippines are seen here with Gen. Douglas MacArthur at his headquarters in Australia on Aug. 4, 1943, after their escape.

4,000 Soldiers On Bataan Died As Result Of Japs' Brutalities

EDITOR'S NOTE: Raymond P. Cronin, chief of the Associated Press bureau in Manila, was interned at Santo Tomas camp for civilians in Manila from January, 1942, until his repatriation last September. He served on the camp's self-government committee and thus was able to maintain contact with what went on outside the camp.)

AUTRY ARRESTED IN HIT AND RUN

Earl Autry, 39-year old white mechanic who resides near Seagraves was arrested at 11:45 a. m. Saturday at Miller's garage in Cockman's alley, and charged with hit and run driving which resulted in the death of James R. Matthews, 66 year old white man, struck down as he attempted to cross at 18th and astle streets the night of January 15.

BROUGHTON URGES MANEUVER RIGHTS

Issuing a proclamation to citizens of New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, Bladen, Duplin, Jones, and Carteret counties, Governor J. M. Broughton Saturday requested parents to respond promptly and favorably to the request of the Army for maneuver rights in these counties.

Heavy British, German Guns Roar On Both Sides English Channel

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Heavy guns roared on both sides of the Dover Strait last night and the target of the British artillery was believed to be an enemy convoy between Calais and Boulogne.

Only 1 Day Left To Buy Auto Tags

Only one day, Monday, January 31, remains in which Wilmington automobile owners can buy 1944 state license plates, Miss Minnie A. Payne, manager of Carolina Motor Club, said Saturday, pointing out that the office is experiencing a last-minute rush by owners.

REPORT ON JAP ACTIVITIES MADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—"The Axis invasion of the United States" began ten years before Pearl Harbor, the Dies committee said today in a report recommending legislation that "will once and for all stop this foreign penetration of our country by those governments and groups which seek to destroy it."

SYSTEM CHANGED BY DRAFT BOARDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Local draft boards grappled today with the doubly-difficult task of overhauling their Selective Service machinery without slowing the flow of about 600,000 men into the armed services in January and February.

Police Ask Drivers To Cooperate When Parking Their Autos

City police asked the cooperation of the public Saturday in the parking of automobiles in the meter zones.

Frankfort Is Rocked By Massive U. S. Air Assault; Berlin Blasted; Beachhead Near Rome Expanded

18 MILES FROM ROME City Is 'Definitely Interested' In Purchase Of Tide Water Power

At a special meeting held in City Hall Saturday morning, the City Council went on record, unanimously, as being "definitely interested in the acquisition of the properties of the Tide Water Power company lying within New Hanover county provided such purchase could be made on the basis of a fair value."

WAR BOND SALES ARE ENCOURAGING

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Red Armies Strike Toward Estonia In Surprise Move

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Red army's mammoth offensive today thrust westward from Leningrad to the town of Zagoritsi, 22 miles from the old Estonian border, captured the important rail hub of Novosokolniki 230 miles south of Leningrad in a surprise attack, and struck the last Nazi shackles from the Moscow-Leningrad trunk by seizing Chudovo, junction 73 miles southeast of Leningrad.

TOKYO CONCEDES RABAU 'DOOMED'

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Tokyo radio conceded today as General Douglas MacArthur reported more than 400 enemy planes have been destroyed at that New Britain fortress this month.

SWEDISH DISPATCHES REPORTED GREAT TEMPELOF AIRPORT

Swedish dispatches reported great fires raging in the German capital after the two nights of assault, and one report said the great Tempelhof airport apparently was knocked out.

CARRIER FORCES BLAST MARSHALS

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced that Pacific fleet carrier forces made attacks today on the Marshall island bases including Maloelap, Watje and Kwajalein.

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OVER 800 FORTRESSES

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