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Jap Luzon Invaders Wiped Out Moscow Proclaims Defeat Of German Invading Army

Drive Into Middle East Is Expected

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(By The Associated Press.) A disastrous end to Adolf Hitler's invasion of Russia was freely predicted today as Moscow proclaimed the utter defeat of a 750,000-strong German army and signs multiplied that Hitler might be planning a new campaign through Indochina into Turkey and the Middle East.

The late post had the main features of the German invasion and the terrible hardship suffered on the eastern front. It was reported that Hitler had decided to push out in another direction from these supporting armies.

1. Britain announced that she was sending immediate aerial reinforcements to the Middle East—evidently to meet a new thrust, since British armies already have the Germans and Italians on the run in north Africa.

2. German-dominated Bulgaria, which had remained neutral and hence legally not entitled to serve as a base for German operations, declared war on Britain and the United States.

3. Germany has officially announced that her armies in Russia were withdrawing to their defensive positions by the winter—possibly a subterfuge to mask the shifting of these forces to the Middle East.

4. Russian reports of new Nazi "peace feelers" to Moscow, which the Soviets have bluntly rejected, indicated that Hitler wanted to free his hands for another military venture.

5. Heavy German troop concentrations have been reported from time to time in southern Bulgaria, indicating that Hitler was planning a possible attack on Turkey if that country refused to permit transit of Nazi forces across the Turkish "land bridge" between Europe and the Middle East.

6. In this connection, observers reacted with new meaning President Roosevelt's declaration that the defense of Turkey was essential to the defense of the democracies.

7. The news agency DNB reported last night in a dispatch from the Romanian capital.

There was always the possibility, of course, that Hitler might now make the desperate gamble he has avoided so long—

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Men at Work—Do Not Disturb



This warning sign posted by workers in the Ford Motor Company plant in Detroit saying "Out to lick Japan, do not disturb" conveys spirit of workers engaged in war effort. Plant manufactures airplane engines.

Guam Is Presumed To Be Captured

New Swiss President



Dr. Philippe Etter, the Swiss Federal Council elected Dr. Philippe Etter, 59, president of Switzerland, succeeding Ulrich Wehrli. The new president has five sons and five daughters.

Japanese Ship Crew Interned

SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Japanese crew of a multi-decked fishing vessel, the *Shiratsuyu*, was interned today after being captured at the Pacific port of San Pedro de Macoris. The vessel was carrying a cargo of fish and was being operated by a Japanese crew. The ship was captured by the United States Navy and the crew was interned at the naval station in San Pedro de Macoris.

PROMOTED
Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The first list of lieutenant colonels of the regular Army to be promoted to the temporary grade of major was announced today.

14 Convicted As Spy Ring Members

Jury Deliberates Only Eight Hours Before Finding Defendants Guilty on Each of Two Counts in Federal Court.

New York, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The conviction of 14 high-level defendants accused of supplying military information to Germany today earned one of the most faultlessly-credited verdicts in recent history.

Allies Sink Italian Ships
London, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A pair of British and Dutch destroyers, pounding with sudden and effective fire on two Italian cruisers in the Mediterranean, sank one and left the other burning from star to stern today, the admiralty announced.

Ford Plant Goes All Out

Detroit, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Armament production at the Ford Motor company, holder of millions of dollars worth of government contracts, operated today on a 24-hour, seven-day week basis.

Lonkong Defenders May Have Withdrawn

London, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The British command in Hong Kong today reported that the Japanese forces had withdrawn from the island.

Swedish Vessel Is Taken Over

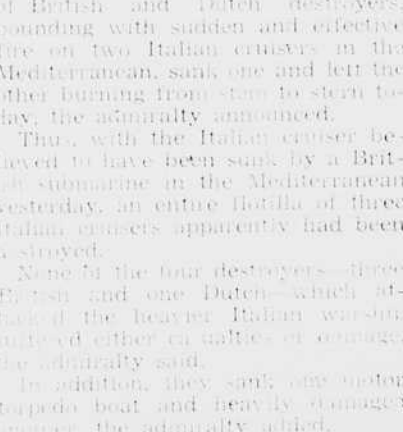
Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The state department announced today that the Swedish motor ship *Kungsholmen*, which formerly plied the Atlantic and more recently has served the Caribbean on pleasure trips.

Secretary Stimson Urges Extension Of Draft Measure

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Secretary of War George C. Stimson today urged an extension of the draft law to include men aged 18 to 44.

Litvinoff Indicates Red 'Understanding'
Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian ambassador, today characterized Japan as "the common enemy."

Ready for Zero



Shown in the cockpit of an A-24 tank is a soldier of the Fourth Army, wearing a helmet and goggles, ready for action.

Jap Strategy Now Revealed

Chicago, Dec. 13.—(AP)—News columns reported today an outburst from the Japanese government in which it claimed that the Japanese had captured the island of Luzon.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Drizzle and fog tonight, colder on the coast, not quite so cold in interior tonight; clearing and cool Sunday.

9 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
GIVE A BODDY TO THE COOK
Buy Christmas Seals

Air Fights Are Heavy Over Manila

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Japanese Checked in British Malaya

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Jacksonville Aviation Bases Blacked Out

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