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Japanese Philippine Invasion Resolves Into Struggle For Air Supremacy; Thousands Of Japs Die In Sinkings French Condemn Reprisal Executions

Congress Rushes Defense Measures

Extension of Draft Age Limit, Granting President War Powers, and Naval Expansion Head 'Must' Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A Congress rapidly becoming accustomed to American participation in war geared itself today for swift action on bills extending the draft age limit, granting the President extraordinary control over government functions, and authorizing a 30 per cent naval expansion.

These three measures topped the week's list of "must" legislation as both houses prepared to give final approval today to a \$10,000,000,000 appropriation measure carrying funds for completing the equipment of an army of two million men and obtaining critical supplies for an additional 1,200,000.

The selective service legislation, scheduled for House consideration Tuesday and Senate action immediately thereafter, was designed to provide a coordinated increase in military manpower as quickly as new equipment becomes available. It would require registration of all men from 19 through 44 years old for military services, with 18 year olds and those from 45 through 64 listed for defense duties.

Selective service officials said they planned to begin drawing at once on the 1,000,000-man reservoir already available in the age brackets up through 35 years old under the selective service act as it now stands. Up to 50,000 of these were expected to go to the Navy and up to 10,000 to the Marine Corps.

Beyond that, plans were indefinite, but most legislators thought that the actual size of the Army hereafter would depend chiefly on the equipment, housing and training facilities available.

Committees of both houses prepared to give speedy approval to a bill delegating to the President sweeping war powers.

Alien Assets To Be Seized

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The government prepared today to seize a billion dollars of enemy alien assets as collateral for any American claims against the hostile governments, and a special force of G-men was ready to impound the enemy-owned property.

Title to the property to be taken over is vested in enemy aliens living outside the United States and axis nationals who are in custody.

Officials emphasized that the government does not intend to disturb the property of law abiding aliens. For that reason, Germans, Italians and Japanese need not worry about their homes and their bank accounts unless they are in the small minority which has been arrested by the federal bureau of investigation.

Reduced Sum Is Approved For Navy

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Authorization for an expansion of the United States two-ocean Navy was approved quickly today by the House naval affairs committee after the size of the contemplated increase was reduced from 900,000 tons to 150,000 tons at the request of the Navy. The measure left the type of ships to be constructed to the discretion of the President and the Navy department, but Chairman Vinson.

Hero's Family



Mrs. Colin Kelly, Jr., widow of the heroic army flier who sank the Japanese battleship Haruna off the Philippines, is pictured with their son, Colin, 3d, in New York. She declared she was "too proud" to weep for her husband.

Knox Tells Of Losses

One Battleship, Five Other Vessels Lost; 91 Officers and 2,638 Men Killed at Pearl Harbor.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox reported today the battleship Arizona and five other warships were lost in Sunday's Japanese air raid on the Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii.

He said 91 officers and 2,638 enlisted men were known dead.

Known Japanese losses, Knox said, included three submarines and 41 aircraft.

After reporting to President Roosevelt on his return from a hurried five-day round trip to survey the extent of the raid at first hand, the Navy secretary told a press conference that aside from the Arizona, ships destroyed included the old target ship Utah, three destroyers—the Cassin, Downes and Shaw—and also the mine layer Oglala.

Damaged vessels included the old battleship Oklahoma which capsized but can be repaired.

"The entire balance of the Pacific fleet with its aircraft

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VOLUNTEER

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Governor Broughton was one of the first to register here today for civilian defense. The governor told defense officials that he could drive a car and he owned the use of his privately-owned automobile.

MARRIED

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Francis Jackson Reynolds, daughter of Senator Robert Rice Reynolds, and Grotham Henry Oertling of New Orleans were married here Saturday.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair, not quite so cold in west and central portions tonight. Tuesday increasing cloudiness and somewhat warmer, followed by light rain in the mountains, in afternoon or night.

New Revolts In Occupied Territories

France Says High Number of Executions Provoke 'Profound Uneasiness Among Frenchmen'; Serbs and Greeks Active.

(By The Associated Press) Coming out openly against an order of the German occupation authorities for the first time since the armistice, France last night condemned a German order for the execution of 100 alleged Jewish communists and anarchists in occupied France.

The French acknowledged the 100 were "delinquents" instead of hostages such as the Germans have executed in groups this fall but said the very high number provoked "profound uneasiness among Frenchmen."

The Germans said Saturday the 100 would be shot in reprisal for "recent attacks against the occupation troops." They also fined the Jews in the occupied zone, 1,000,000 francs (\$20,000,000).

In partitioned Yugoslavia and Greece, several hundred thousand axis soldiers were reported tied up with steady and strong resistance by Serbs and Greeks in a small scale war.

Draza Mihailovic, colonel in the Yugoslav army before the Germans overran his country last spring, has been promoted to the rank of a full general for his "magnificent work" in organizing the Serb resistance, the Yugoslav government in exile said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Greek government in exile declared that 24 axis divisions—about 360,000 soldiers—were tied up by a "vest pocket war" in Greece which is growing despite near starvation of the Greeks and their lack of arms.

Swift raids from Macedonian mountain hideouts were said to be keeping out occupation forces, giving the Greeks some food and equipment.

WILKIE HAS LUNCH WITH MR. ROOSEVELT

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt invited Wendell L. Wilkie, his Republican rival at the polls last year and a subsequent strong supporter of his foreign policy, to the White House today for lunch.

It was considered likely that the Chief Executive wanted to discuss with Wilkie a conference set for Wednesday which Mr. Roosevelt hopes will lead to a working agreement between labor and industry to eliminate work stoppages in war plants.

Axis Attacks Repulsed In Africa

London, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Indian troops, fighting with Britain's north African army, were reported today to have repulsed two axis counter attacks south of Gazala and destroyed 16 of the 40 tanks participating.

The Indians captured 21 axis officers and 350 men, advices from the Libyan war front said.

These dispatches declared that the German-Italian front at Gazala, reported yesterday to be about 40 miles wide, had been narrowed to 25 miles under continued British pressure. Gazala is approximately 40 miles west of Tobruk and about 100 miles from the Egyptian border.

Mopping up operations in the area between Gazala and the Egyptian frontier were said to be progressing, with the number of German and Italian prisoners steadily mounting. It was acknowledged, however, that axis troops still were holding out at Bardia and Halfaya (Hellfire) Pass, which is on the Egyptian side of the border.

Red Army Presses Counter Offensive Of Extermination

'Rose Bowl' To Durham

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The New Year's Day football game scheduled to be held in the Rose Bowl between Duke University and Oregon State college was officially transferred today to Durham, N. C., home of Duke.

Director of Athletics Percy Lacey of Oregon State announced the official transfer after a telephone conversation with Wallace Wade, director of athletics and football coach at Duke.

The Rose Bowl site was abandoned at the request of Army officials due to the national emergency.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses, sponsor of the annual game here, will be represented at the contest.

"It is still the 'Rose Bowl' game," said Lacey. "The only change is one of location."

Lend-Lease Report Made

Aid to America's Allies Totals \$1,202,000,000 Through November 30.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt reported today that lend-lease aid to America's allies—33 countries listed as eligible—had totaled \$1,202,000,000 through November 30.

Actual exports to December 1, however, were worth only \$595,000,000 he said.

The third report submitted to Congress on lend-lease activities said aid extended amounted to only \$184,000,000 in March but the effort had been stepped to the extent that \$268,000,000 worth of materials was made available in November.

(Congress has voted nearly \$13,000,000,000 for lend-lease.)

Mr. Roosevelt said in a letter to Congress that the weapons from the arsenal of the democracies must be used where they can be employed most effectively and "that means we must let Britain, Russia, China and other

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BILL OF RIGHTS IS COMMEMORATED

(By The Associated Press.) Americans commemorated today the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights—the Constitutionally guaranteed basic freedoms of United States citizens.

President Roosevelt will speak on a program to be broadcast over all networks between 10 and 11 o'clock tonight.

8 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY SLIPPERS FOR DAD Buy Christmas Seals

Pravda Declares Soviet Troops Already Destroyed 'Entire Generation of Nazis'

(By The Associated Press.) The Russian army was reported today pressing an offensive for the extermination of all German armies on Russian soil. Pravda, communist party organ in Moscow, said the Soviet troops already had destroyed "an entire generation of nazis."

The Red army's general offensive, northwest of Moscow, was concentrated on an effort to re-grad connection through Klin.

The communist organ, Pravda, said that the Russians had re-captured Solnetschnogorski, 31 miles northwest of Moscow, and east of Klin, having taken 42 communities and 75 German tanks in a single day. The Tikhvin-Volkhov railway, southeast of Leningrad, has been cleared of the enemy, Pravda said.

Meanwhile, as the Russians took

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Sex Maniac Is Sought

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The brutal murder near Elizabeth City of a Coast Guardsman and his pretty young girl friend was the work of a sex maniac, agents of the state bureau of investigation disclosed today.

Fred C. Handy, SBI head, said that no good leads as to the identity of the slayer had been uncovered, but that

Young Bailey Seeks Naval Commission

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—James H. Paul Bailey, 24-year old son of Senator Josiah W. Bailey of Raleigh, ward selective service officials today that he would resign his position with the FBI in order that he might be drafted into the Army.

At the same time state selective service headquarters announced receipt of a letter from the Navy saying that Bailey had applied for a commission in the naval reserve and asking that a 60-day stay be granted before he be drafted.

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Senator's Son Seems Headed For Army, Thompson Reports

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, Dec. 15. (By wire)—This morning a few hours before Brigadier General J. Van B. Metts, state director of selective service, was to issue a final statement on the case of James H. Paul Bailey, the selective service headquarters learned that the young son of Senator Josiah W. Bailey had applied for a commission in the Naval Reserve.

The development is expected to mean that no further action of Bailey's effort to avoid the draft will be taken until the Navy has acted on his application for commission.

In Libyan Command



Maj. Gen. Neil M. Ritchie

Maj. Gen. Neil M. Ritchie, 44, is in command of the British troops in Libya, succeeding Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham. Gen. Ritchie's swift mechanized troops are reported in a new offensive procedure deep in the Cyrenaican Desert.

Jap Attack Record Read

President Roosevelt Recounts Japan's Course of Aggression for 'the Record.'

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told Congress today how Japan's course of aggression in the Pacific was climaxed by an attack on the United States at the very time she was voicing a desire for peace, and declared that "there is the record, for all history to read in amazement, in sorrow, in horror and in disgust."

"We are not at war," the President said. "We are fighting in self defense. We are fighting in defense of our national existence, of our right to be secure, of our right to enjoy the blessings of peace."

The President's message was a chronology of American and Japanese negotiations and of history prior to Japan's onslaught in the Pacific eight days ago.

Supporting his summary with documents and correspondence, Mr. Roosevelt asserted that the "barbaric aggression of Japan in Manchuria" ten years ago set the example and pattern for the course of conquest pursued by the axis powers.

He disclosed that several formulas were offered and discussed in negotiations by which the United States hoped to achieve an understanding with Japan for achieving permanent peace in the Pacific. But the Japanese government, he said, continued upon its course of war and conquest.

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JAPANESE RETIRE OUTSIDE CANTON

Chungking, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Japanese have been forced to retire from some of their positions outside Canton, as a result of fierce Chinese attacks, and a savage Chinese attack is in full swing in the Tanshui area north of Hongkong, the official Chinese central news agency reported today.

California On Emergency Basis Today

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A formal Army announcement that enemy planes apparently had flown over California put the entire state on an emergency basis today, by order of Governor Culbert Olson.

Enemy reconnaissance, if not bombing, planes are known to have passed along our coast and to have covered a part of the interior areas," the governor said at Sacramento.

His proclamation followed by a few hours an army communique which explained recent blackouts here with the words, "there was definite danger of air attack by planes in the immediate vicinity. Flares were seen in the sky, apparently dropped by enemy aircraft."

Five times, the army says, there were unidentifiable planes near or over San Francisco Bay, in the last week.

In Malaya, Japs Press On Hongkong

British Acknowledge Withdrawal From Kaloon, Permitting Invaders to Advance Near Fortress; Luzon Invasion Checked.

(By The Associated Press) With uncounted thousands of Japanese troops plunged to death on bombed and torpedoed transports short of land fronts, the Japanese invasion of the Philippines was resolved today into a struggle for air supremacy and the Malayan campaign into a war of positions in jungle fastnesses.

Hongkong, British crown colony on the south China coast and number two naval base in the Far East, appeared to be the point of greatest pressure of Japan's greater east Asia offensive.

The British acknowledged a withdrawal from Kaloon, a city of the colony, which permitted the Japanese to advance to within rifle shot of the island of Hongkong, just off the Kaloon peninsula.

Unless this was the forerunner of complete abandonment of Hongkong it represented a strategy of permitting the Japanese to plunge into the extremity of the Kaloon peninsula in the hope that free Chinese armies operating at their rear would cut them off.

London's announcement said that the withdrawal was "progressing according to plan."

The afternoon communique from Manila, indicating that the Japanese were checked in three points on the main island of Luzon, said that "enemy activities throughout the day were confined entirely to the air."

At Manila, Japanese bombs fell again at mid-day on the Nichols Field area.

The British said that empire forces protecting British Malaya and Singapore from Japanese drives based in Thailand had made a "slight withdrawal" amid "very heavy fighting" Singapore. Britain's number one naval base in the Far East, lies at

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BRITISH SUBS SINK ITALIAN TRANSPORT

London, Dec. 15.—(AP)—British submarines were credited today with sinking a 12,000-ton ship believed to have been an Italian transport and with damaging or destroying a half-dozen smaller vessels, two of which, the admiralty said, were picked off in the harbor of Candia in German-occupied Crete.

The 12,000-ton ship, which was attacked in company, resembled the Italian liner Virginia, a communique said.

The foray into the harbor of Candia, the admiralty declared, resulted in the torpedoing and sinking of a supply ship and a salvage tug.

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