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British Still Hold Hongkong

Goebbels Tells Nazis To Expect 'Certain Reverses'

Germans Given Hint Of Defeats

As Propaganda Minister Broadcasts to Nation, Russia Reports New Gains and Russian-Japanese Friction Rises.

(By The Associated Press.) (Midi) Hitler's propaganda minister gloomily told the German people today that "we must expect ourselves for a hard and bitter battle. We will not be able to avoid certain reverses."

Meanwhile, the Dutch news agency Aneta reported an episode of new friction between Russia and Japan, declaring that 17 Japanese warplanes bombed and sank the 4,200-ton Russian freighter Perepok on route between Vladivostok and Java.

Eight members of the Soviet crew were reported killed; 32 others, including the captain, were rescued.

Although allied with Britain and the United States in war against Germany, Russia has not declared hostilities on Japan but recently Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinov bluntly described the Japanese as "axis gangsters" and "the common enemy" of the democracies.

In Berlin, Propaganda Minister Goebbels grimly acknowledged that "changed world conditions" made it necessary to count on a long and harder war, and he implied that the chances of any further lightning marches were ended.

"We do not underestimate the remaining possibilities of England and America," he said.

While the German people thus received an enlightening hint on the reversal of axis fortunes, Hitler's high command tersely acknowledged that German and Italian troops in north Africa were withdrawing "according to plan."

Official Carlo dispatches said British troops had occupied the Mediterranean port of Derna and the inland

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LOGGERS WARNED IN PHILIPPINES

Manila, Dec. 20.—(AP)—An increase in logging output. General Douglas MacArthur today issued a public warning that persons found guilty might face the death penalty.

Fourteen persons had been arrested in Manila for looting the home of ex-ambassador and interned Japanese, MacArthur said that the offenders would be subject to military trial and "imposition of the death penalty."

India Faces Decision

Two Dominant Political Groups Meet Next Week; May Decide War Policies.

New Delhi, India, Dec. 20.—(AP)—With Japan's thrust into Burma bringing the threat of war closer to India, leaders of the country's two dominant political groups are facing a growing demand for immediate re-examination of their attitude toward India's participation in the conflict.

There are strong indications that these demands may come to a head next week at meetings of the working committees of the Congress party and the Muslim league, which, though bitter rivals, are committed to one official policy—non-cooperation with Britain's war effort.

The congress group will meet at Bardoli Wednesday and the Muslim committee at Nagpur Friday.

Although political leaders maintain that Britain has given a sat-

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Replace Canadian Men in U. S.



These three girls are the first members of the Canadian women's army corps in Washington to take over duties formerly performed by men at the Canadian Legation. Left to right: Company Sgt. Maj. Jacqueline Mineau, of Ottawa, Company Sgt. Maj. Mary Fowler, of Ottawa, and Company Sgt. Maj. Ethel Clark, of Vancouver, B. C. (Continued Press)

Crosses Awarded American Heroes

Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr., Number One Hero of Second World War, Ordered Crew of Plane to Save Themselves.

Manila, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr., who became the number one American hero in the second world war by destroying a Japanese battleship, was killed in the flaming crash of his bomber after ordering his crew of six to save themselves, the Far Eastern command announced today in awarding him the Distinguished Service Cross.

Captain Kelly and twelve other officers and nine crew members were killed with his plane, the highest Army award except for the Congressional Medal of Honor, showing "extraordinary bravery" often against superior forces.

The announcement at the headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the U. S. Army in the Far East, was accompanied by a description of the various deeds which combined to provide a

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Babson Blames Parents For Children's Morals

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Camp Devens, Mass., Dec. 20.—I have recently visited one of the largest Army camps for training U. S. draftees. Having heard of sit-down strikes, many factories, illnesses, and even suicides there, I decided to see for myself what's going on. I returned with a definite conclusion—the fault is not with the young men in the camps, but rather with those on the outside, that is, those who have not been drafted.

Beware of Only War Booms. Sleeping Sunday mornings led not with the war with Japan. Our World War efforts will be of little avail unless we all think less about having a good time and more about doing a good job. Even in the Southwest, there comes an editorial which has the right idea. A Texas newspaper editor in San Augustine writes that there is not so much wrong with the country as there is wrong with the people in it. Too many have gone "good-time" crazy and are working just to

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Army Seeks Young Men Volunteers

Reynolds Precious Recent Order Banning Enlistments Will be Rescinded Following Passage of Draft Amendments.

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Toward by Congress in its plans for drafting men under 20, the Army will rescind recent orders against young men's enlistments and go after the younger men, an informed senator predicted today.

"The Army has made it plain that it wants younger men," said Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, chairman of the Senate military committee, "and I am sure that it will begin recruiting them immediately."

His comment was given reporter as final preparations for drafting men from 20 through 24 years old, approved by both houses yesterday.

This registration program will not take place for several weeks, selective service heads said today. It will be followed by registration of the 18 through 19 and the 45 through 64 age classes, groups which are not subject to compulsory military service under the draft expansion act.

Resumption of enlistments of younger men, Reynolds predicted, would be especially emphasized in the air corps, which thus far include only regular enlisted men, as distinguished from selectees, in its ranks.

New AEF Predicted

Even Opposition Senators Agree to Possible Necessity for Sending Troops.

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A conviction appeared to be growing among senators today that the United States would send an expeditionary force across the Atlantic when one was adequately trained and equipped and when the necessary combat and transport shipping was available.

There was general agreement that it might be difficult to land a second AEF abroad, and several senators declared that any American troops probably would go first to Africa, the Portuguese Azores or the Spanish Canary islands off the coast of Africa.

Senator Norris, Independent, Nebraska, who opposed American entry into the first World War but voted for this nation's recent war declarations, told reporters that he "would have no objection to an expeditionary force if the President and the military authorities believe it would do any good."

"I am confident there will be an expeditionary force sooner or later," declared Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, who opposed most administration foreign policy measures of until the Pearl Harbor attack.

"Since we are in the war there can be no effort to block another AEF if the President thinks one is necessary."

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY MOTHER THAT JEWELRY. Buy Christmas Seals

Jap Goal in Malayan Drive



Here is a view of the waterfront at Penang, Malaya. This rubber port is the goal of Japanese efforts in northern Malaya and its seizure would hamper shipping and force the British to find another port. In addition, capture of the island would give the Japanese a position from which to concentrate new forces and to store supplies.

American Subs Sink Japanese Transport

Infiltration Of Axis Agents Disclosed

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A congressional report today of axis infiltration in Latin America, leading Secretary of State Hull to comment that the American republics were "in danger of the same kind of subversive activity."

The report of the congressional House group headed by Representative Harold Dwyer, Democrat, Ohio, said after a survey of 11 countries in the south that "there is a growing tendency to 'authoritative opinion' to be plugged with German, Italian and Japanese spy and propaganda work."

Hull held his press conference, but the State department it would be difficult to cooperate fully with Congress in eradicating the "harm."

At various times American conferences, the secretary added, questions involving transportation, communication, and the American government and subversive acts, and their eradication, as well as all phases of cooperation between the two countries had been discussed and acted upon.

Broughton Fears Further Federal Encroachments

Daily Dispatch Bureau, By FOR Broughton

Broughton, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Governor Broughton, who was defeated by President Roosevelt, said today that the federal government's move to take over the employment services of the states, is now a "grave" threat that the next step will be to take over the Unemployment Compensation Commission and the state unemployment insurance fund.

"When I received the President's telegraphic order yesterday, the governor declared that he would comply—as he had to—but that he hoped very much that this would be a temporary measure and that the services would be returned to state control at the end of the emergency."

"I'm dead against it," said the governor when interviewed. "The states are being stripped of so much that when the war or emergency is over there won't be much democracy left."

In his wife President Roosevelt said that the employment service under federal control would continue to work hand-in-glove with UCC but Governor Broughton believes that will be accomplished by Washington's taking over the UCC next.

"In the first instance they are just taking over the personnel, records and facilities," said the governor,

Japs Claim Their Flag Over Harbor



British Far East Garrison battles against Japanese forces in a harbor. The British garrison reportedly held out for 24 hours.

British Far East Garrison Battles Against Apparently Hopeless Odds, While Chinese Troops Seek to Relieve Pressure.

(By The Associated Press.) In the first world harbor from since-bound, Hongkong, in 24 hours, Governor Sir Mark Young reported that the British Far East garrison was still holding out today, while Japanese dispatches pictured the island's 1,000,000 population capital in flames and declared the Japanese flag was flying over Hongkong harbor.

The official Japanese news agency Domei again reported today that the garrison was still holding out, but that the Japanese expected to capture the city by the end of the week.

While the British garrison battled against apparently hopeless odds, Chinese army headquarters announced that Chinese troops driving along the Canton-Kowloon railroad in an attempt to relieve Hongkong smashed their way yesterday into Shum-chun on the mainland border of Hongkong colony.

It was a desperate race against time, however, with the Japanese strongly entrenched on the mainland and rapidly tightening the siege ring around Hongkong island defenses.

Chinese headquarters said the assault on Shum-chun had forced the Japanese to rush reinforcements from the Hongkong mainland section and that heavy fighting was raging ten miles northwest of Shum-chun.

Far to the south, sea-borne Dutch troops were reported to have made a surprise attack in North Borneo and captured some of the Japanese invaders who landed earlier this week in British-controlled Sarawak.

Dutch bombers were also reported to have inflicted smashing blows on Japanese warships and troop transports off Sarawak.

In the siege of Hongkong, a Tokyo broadcast asserted that the British garrison had been encircled on Mt. Victoria, in the heart of the city, and that Japanese troops had occupied the west of the city. Victoria is the capital of Hongkong colony.

Tokyo press dispatches said trucks

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Registrants May Enlist

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—State registration service headquarters announced today it had instructed local draft boards to advise registrants who had not yet enlisted in the service to do so as soon as possible.

The registrants are to be advised that they have already been ordered to report for induction under the draft system.

Location of Sinking Not Revealed; American Fliers Victoriously Engage Japanese Planes Over Burma Road in China.

(By The Associated Presses.) American submarines slashed at sea-borne Japanese invasion forces, were credited by the Navy today with sinking "an additional enemy transport."

While U. S. armed forces in the Philippines battled a new Japanese thrust on Mindanao island and American fliers victoriously engaged Japanese warplanes in far off China on the Burma Road.

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