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Saw Japs Bomb Hawaii



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Rita Smolk, 5 (left), and her sister, Blanche, 3, celebrate their safe arrival at a Pacific port by stuffing themselves with cookies. They were among the many women and children evacuated from Honolulu. Number of evacuees and ships, and port of arrival was considered restricted military information.

Britons Express Fear Islands May Be U. S. Outpost

United States Preparedness for War in Pacific Also Up for Criticism in House of Commons Debate.

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Fear that the British Isles might become an American outpost was openly expressed today by two members of the house of commons in commenting on results of the Washington conference. Laborite Richard Butler Stone said, "I hate to think of the military center of control shifting to Washington. It gives me a nasty feeling. I might say for years—that we may find ourselves reduced to what I term occupying the position of America's Heligoland off the coast of Europe." Edgar Louis Granville, liberal said, "We may have to choose between whether this island shall be a western outpost of totalitarian Europe or the eastern outpost of an American-controlled civilization."

The United States preparedness for war in the Pacific also came in for criticism.

After remarking that American vessels were "harassed by the Japanese attack," Sir George Jeffrey said, "With regard to the proposal that the commander of the American fleet should be the commander of our fleet in the Far East, the American fleet has not begun this war well and American personnel has no experience of modern war, whatever. It took no part in any fighting in the last war."

"I doubt whether British seamen will like serving under a foreign command."

FIVE ALARM FIRE BURNS RIVER PIER

New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A five alarm fire early today destroyed the Hudson river pier used by the New York Central Railroad and the America-South Africa Steamship Lines. Every fire company in Manhattan and three fire boats responded to the alarms, and brought the blaze under control within an hour.

Gas Rations Not Likely

Ickes Says Rubber Shortage Will Conserve Gas; Recommends Speed Limit.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes, the petroleum coordinator today assured the nation there was "no immediate prospect of gasoline rationing as a war measure."

He suggested at his press conference, however, that great savings in rubber, gasoline and automotive equipment could be accomplished through setting of a national speed limit at 40 miles an hour, and he announced...

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Lindbergh In Capital

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh, who recently offered his services to the Army after resigning his commission as a colonel in the reserves last year, arrived here today but would not reveal his plans.

Inquiries at the War department met with the response the famed flyer had no engagements there. His offer to serve the country was made in a letter to Lieutenant General H. H. Arnold, Army deputy chief of staff for air.

RAF Bombs Bangkok

Huge Fire Reported Left Blazing in Raid Made in Retaliation For Jap Bombs.

Bangkok, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The RAF left huge fires blazing amid military objectives at Bangkok, capital of Japanese-occupied Thailand, in the first British counter blow of a long run of air war over the storied road to Mandatay.

Flames were visible for miles as the British airmen returned from their attack, which a British announcement said was made last night and indicated was in retaliation for repeated Japanese attacks on Rangoon, capital of British Burma. All British planes were said to have returned safely.

(However, a Bangkok dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio places the attack at 4:15 a. m. local time, Thursday—4:15 p. m. Wednesday EST—and said two British planes crashed in residential districts.) (The axis listed the Thailand hospital, the French church and the Bank of Indo-China as damaged by bombs, and said several civilians were killed. Three fires resulted from incendiary bombs in the raid, the Bangkok dispatch said.)

Maidmen, east of Rangoon, was reported bombed Wednesday afternoon and Rangoon itself underwent another air alarm although no raiders appeared.

CHATHAM CANCELS BLANKET SHOWING

New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Chatham Manufacturing Co., largest maker of all-wool blankets, has cancelled its scheduled opening of a fall line planned for January 15 and notified salesmen it would offer only a limited line of part-wool numbers at that time.

Trade circles indicated that offerings of wool blankets to retailers for next fall and winter might almost cease.

British Middle East Headquarters Announce

Nazis Routed In Libya

Japan Strikes Hard For Malaya

Philippine Forces Hold 'Last Stand'

Critical Test of British Strength in Defense of Singapore Made in Attack; Kuala Lumpur Reported Captured.

(By The Associated Press) British jungle fighters defending the road to Singapore were forced to execute a new withdrawal today south of the Slim river in northwest Malaya, as Japanese invasion forces struck down the peninsula with peak fury in a drive aimed at Kuala Lumpur.

The Slim river, a tributary of the Perak river dividing Perak and Selangor provinces, is 50 miles north of Kuala Lumpur, Malaya's second city, 230 miles from Singapore.

British Far East headquarters said the retreat was necessary to preserve a solid front.

Tokyo dispatches broadcast by the Japanese radio said that Japanese troops now "fortify the outer positions of Kuala Lumpur" and the Japanese tanks and artillery had crossed a river west of the town, cutting off the rear of British defenses.

The German radio, quoting "the minute message from Tokyo," said the Japanese had opened an "all-out offensive aimed at Singapore. Britain's number one defense stronghold in the Far East."

A British spokesman admitted that so far the British have lost 15 airplanes during retreats in Malaya.

In the Philippine war theater, General Douglas MacArthur's battle-worn troops were reported still fighting doggedly against

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Attlee Admits Britain's Lack Of Resources

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Major Clement R. Attlee, lord privy seal, speaking as Prime Minister Churchill's deputy, told the house of commons today that Britain did not have sufficient resources for complete preparation against the Japanese who, he declared, at present have the most powerful fleet in the Pacific.

House members cheered, however, when he summed up accounts after the first month of war in the Pacific, even though they were given little new information about the war effort.

News of further steps to coordinate manpower and munitions of the united nations awaited the return of the prime minister from America.

Attlee declared that even if Britain had increased her own production to the utmost she could not produce enough arms at present for the Far East to equal the strong military force of Japan.

Apparently in reply to criticism

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Babson Discusses Household Buying Under War Conditions

By ROGER W. BABSON Copyright 1942, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc.

Babson Park, Fla., Jan. 8.—There is no use kidding ourselves any longer. For the first time for twenty-five years we are at war. In fact, we now are the leading nation in the greatest war the world has ever witnessed. To those who are complaining because they cannot now buy new automobile tires let me say, "We can't see nothing yet!"

Very few people realize the

Navy Rookie



C. P. Phonephoto Chief Boatswain's Mate Bob Feller, former star pitcher with the Cleveland Indians, reports for duty at the Norfolk, Va., Naval Training Station. The \$10,000 a year baseball sensation will draw \$90 a month during his naval career, but voiced the hope that "I'll be able to throw a few strikes for Uncle Sam."

Jap Force Intercepted

Reinforcements Seeking to Relieve Changsha Attackers Engaged by Chinese.

Changsha, Jan. 8.—(AP)—An army spokesman declared today that Chinese forces had intercepted several thousand Japanese troops rushing south from their base at Yochow in an effort to relieve some 30,000 comrades still hemmed in after being driven from Changsha.

The reinforcements were reported moving north of the city.

The forces they sought to relieve were said to be under attack from all sides on a battlefield between the Mils and Lantao rivers just east of the Canton-Hankow rail line.

A Chinese spokesman estimated that Japan's losses in dead and wounded in the battle for Changsha totaled 35,000 men.

With the right not far off there has been an aggregate tally of the number of Japanese captured, he said.

PIPELINE OPERATION TO BEGIN IN A WEEK

Charlotte, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Operation of the 1,200-mile pipeline from Baton Rouge, La., to Greenboro is expected to begin about January 15, and will extend eastward to the coast.

Test pumping on the pipeline, which will handle 90,000 barrels of petroleum daily, will take place probably next week.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair, slightly colder; temperature about zero in mountains and about 25 on coast tonight.

Eden Denies Any 'Neglect'

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden denied today there had been any "neglect" by the government in preparing the defense of Singapore against Japanese attack, declaring "if we were strong, it was a deliberate decision and not one based on neglect."

He said that the problem of Midway defense was weighed each time the war cabinet considered sending reinforcements to the Middle East or Russia. He reminded the house of commons that the Singapore defenses had been strengthened many times since 1932.

Roosevelt Enters Fight Against Farm Price Bloc

Letter Sent to Senate Opposes Demands That Secretary of Agriculture Be Given Final Veto Power on Price Fixing.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt stepped into a Senate debate today by sending a letter to the senate opposing demands of the farm bloc that the secretary of Agriculture be given veto power over the fixing of farm prices.

The letter was to be presented today to the senate by Democratic Senator Charles McNary, Oregon.

Opposing demands of the farm bloc, led by Senator McNary, of Oregon, to give the secretary of Agriculture veto power over the fixing of farm prices, the president's office is created by the bill.

Senators on both sides of the dispute said that the administration was exercising unusual pressure in support of single authority over the price controls.

Senate administration leaders called on a Republican Senator Taft of Ohio, to help them in the maneuvering.

Taft urged enactment of a stringent price control bill, telling the Senate that this country must prepare for war within at least five years.

Industries Hurt In State

Charlotte, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Textile mills here said today that the rationing of automobile tires and the ban on the use of burlap, jute and wool would necessitate drastic readjustments in the Carolina textile manufacturing industries.

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AIRDROME DEFENSE FORCE IS PLANNED BY BRITISH ARMY

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Lord Moyne, British colonial secretary, announced today that a "corps of airdrome defense troops under the control of the air council will be formed" to defend airdromes against invaders of British territory to prevent repetition of the Crete invasion.

He said that while the Army's responsibility for the ground defense as a whole would be maintained, the RAF "under military direction and as the agent for the army" would "undertake the entire local defense arrangements for airdromes."

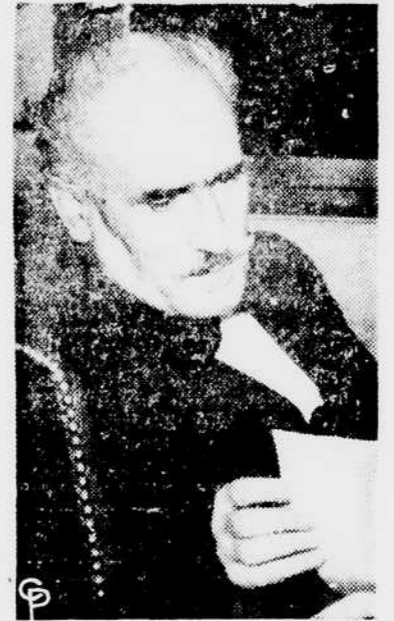
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Permit to Travel



Arturo Toscanini Famed conductor Arturo Toscanini receives a permit to travel from Philadelphia to Washington, D. C. An enemy alien, he must get a permit whenever he travels. Internment is penalty for not complying with the regulation.

Budget Gets Precedence

Official Washington Says Speedy Approval to be Given to War Fund Measure.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A willing Congress gave the right of way today to war appropriations, with the number one item being funds for the production of the 60,000 planes which President Roosevelt called for this year.

Official Washington had not the slightest doubt that the Senate and House quickly and almost unanimously would approve all of the President's military and naval and lessened requests, which total \$36,000,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

But to guard against waste, Senator Truman Democrat, Missouri, proposed that the Senate defense investigating committee be assigned the task of watching over the gigantic armament program with a \$100,000 budget to finance the job.

Truman said his committee, operating with a full staff, would prevent extravagances, detect inefficiency and guard against a repetition of mistakes previously made in getting the defense program into high gear.

British Leaf Firm Profits

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., Britain's second largest stake in the tobacco trade, reported today that profit for the fiscal year ending September 30, of 4,057,564 pounds (\$16,432,000) after charges and provision for taxation compared with profits of 4,863,441 pounds (\$19,459,074) in the preceding fiscal year.

British-American is the parent concern of Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp. of Louisville, Ky., whose entire common stock was recently pledged to the RFC for a \$49,000,000 loan, of which \$25,000,000 was taken over by the British government to pay for war supplies, and the balance was used for debt reduction.

Germans Refuse Fight At Agedabia

Good News Also Comes From Russian Front, With Soviet Troops Advancing Within 40 Miles of Vyazma - Bryansk Line.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler's battered north African armies have started a new retreat on the westbound road to Tripoli, the British announced today, and British spearheads are now operating 600 miles from the starting point of the drive into Libya.

A bulletin from British Middle East headquarters said the axis forces, which failed to give battle at Agedabia, 90 miles south of Benghazi, were falling back under cover of a blinding sandstorm.

The communique said British mobile columns were in pursuit, slaying at the axis tanks and planes.

More good news came from the Soviet battlefield, with Russia's armies officially reported to have advanced within 40 miles of the Vyazma-Bryansk line on which the Germans had been expected to attempt to dig in for the winter.

Soviet dispatches said Russian troops had driven wedges more than halfway through Nazi defenses on the central front, ranging as deep as four and one-half miles, including a system of camouflaged dugouts, holed by staves and covered with six or seven tiers of logs.

In this connection, London newspaper reports said machine gun posts were being set up at strategic points in Berlin, manned by Hitler's own S. S. (elite guard) troops, as a precaution against a coup d'etat, but a British foreign office spokesman warned that reports of a possible internal upheaval in Germany should be treated with reserve.

On the Soviet front, the German high command acknowledged continuing Russian attacks in the central (Moscow) and northern (Leningrad) sectors, and said German bombers attacked docks and shipping at Fozdovaya, which the Russians have reoccupied and were apparently using as a main base in the Crimean counter-offensive.

The Belgrade radio reported that new violent fighting had broken out between axis troops and insurgents in Serbia.

King Carol of Rumanian returned to the international scene by announcing from Mexico City yesterday his leadership of a free Rumanian movement.

TRIAL OF BALDWIN BEGINS IN DURHAM

Durham, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Selection of a jury in Durham superior court was completed today in the trial of John S. Baldwin, 41-year-old Columbus county farmer charged with a fatal shooting November 18 of Dr. Randolph Jones, Duke hospital surgeon, and the presentation of evidence was begun.

Mine Planter Sinks; Eight Men Drowned

Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Avery Coakley of Port Constitution said that eight men drowned in the Atlantic 20 miles off the Isles of Shoals early today when the 98-foot mine planter Arnold sank while being towed to port.

The names of the victims were not available immediately but they were believed to be civilians.

The Arnold had been dispatched yesterday to the assistance of another mine planter, the L-36. With the aid of an Army plane which flew over the area, the Arnold located the L-36 and started to tow her to shore.

Later a mine sweeper met the two smaller craft and began towing both of them.

Suddenly, the Arnold sprang a leak, while the three ships were being guarded by heavy attack