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U.S. Army To Be Doubled In Size Jap Forces Drive Into Jungles Of Johore State

Air Battle Fought Over Singapore

Japanese Land on Island in Dutch Archipelago Just South of Singapore; Jap Bombers Shot Down Over Corregidor.

(By The Associated Press.) Japan's invasion armies were pictured by Tokyo headquarters today as driving into the rain-forested jungles of Johore state, less than 110 miles north of Singapore, while British and Dutch planes fought Japanese raiders in a fierce battle over Singapore itself.

Johore state is the last defense barrier before Singapore. Axis reports reaching London said Japanese troops had landed on an island in the Dutch archipelago, just south of Singapore, in a new threat to Britain's great Far East stronghold.

The reports also declared that Japanese forces moving down the Malay east coast had outflanked the town of Endau, 100 miles north of Singapore, and that its fall was imminent.

In the Philippine war theatre, the War department announced today that defenders of the Philippine fortifications shot down two heavy Japanese bombers and hit others in a flight of nine which attacked Corregidor island in Manila Bay.

Casualties among the Americans and Philippine troops were slight, the War department said, and only minor damage was suffered by the island fortress.

An official Tokyo broadcast declared that Japanese troops were now pressing General Douglas MacArthur's American-Philippine defenders southward into Bataan peninsula from Honevua.

A bulletin from imperial Japanese army headquarters said Japanese (Continued on Page Seven)

Reds Launch Great Battle At Mozhaik

Direct Frontal Assault Loosed Against Germans Massed at Keystone of Dwindling Nazi Defense Corridor; Other News.

(By The Associated Press.) Russian shock troops were reported mashing in a direct frontal assault today against 100,000 Germans massed at Mozhaik, 57 miles west of Moscow, in what appeared to be one of the greatest and perhaps most decisive battles of the war.

Mozhaik is the keystone of the dwindling German defense corridor on the Napoleonic road from Moscow to Smolensk. The British radio said that a savage battle was raging at the gates of Mozhaik.

Other Red army forces, slowly closing a giant trap around Mozhaik, were officially reported to have re-captured the town of Malyn, 35 miles to the southwest. This meant that the Germans now had only a 70-mile-wide escape route from Mozhaik, with Soviet troops pressing from Volokolamsk in the north and Malyn in the south.

Volokolamsk is 35 miles north of Mozhaik.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's big command, tersely noting "defensive battle" on the Moscow and Leningrad fronts, acknowledged that the Russians were making a new drive along the Sea of Azov toward Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov-on-Don.

The offensive was termed "uninterrupted."

German desert fighters were reported in London to be employing two-man tanks in the El Agheila phase of the battle of Libya, some of them being midget machines which Italians had tried and discarded after the 1941 Libyan campaign.

Otherwise the Libyan picture was quiet today.

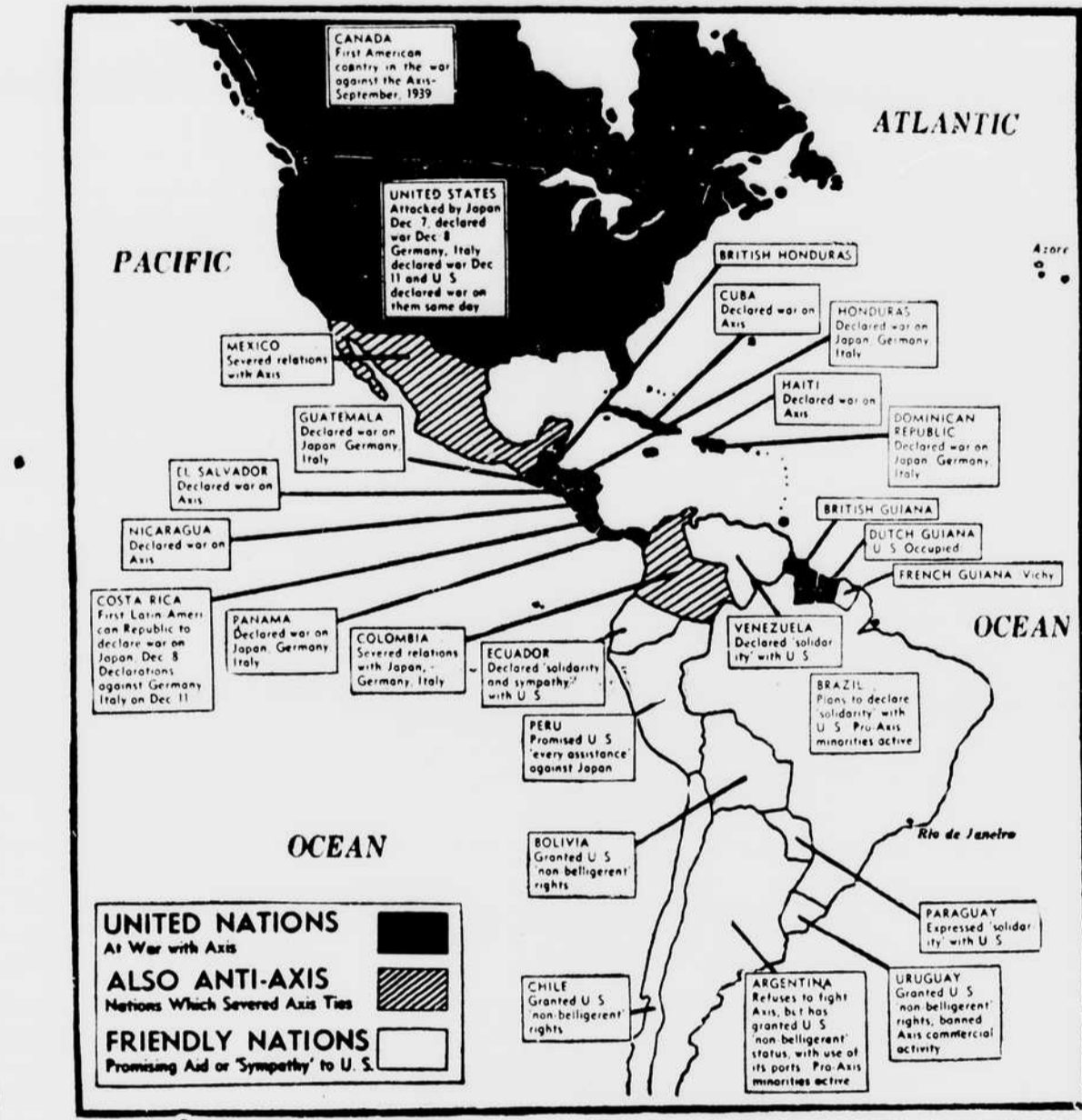
Avoid Debt, Babson Says

'Spend and Save Wisely,' Economist Says in Warning of High Federal Debt.

By ROGER W. BABSON (Copyright 1942, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc.) Babson Park, Jan. 15.—The recent report of the committee on non-essential expenditures headed by Senator Byrd is a step in the right direction. This committee has recommended slashes in non-defense governmental expenditures which could result in savings totaling \$1,716,965,061 during the coming fiscal year beginning July 1. In all probability, the committee's suggestions will not be adopted in toto. There is, however, considerable sympathy in official Washington toward many of the suggestions. Unquestionably, substantial savings will be made in farm aid, public works, WPA, CCC, and NVA expenditures as was indicated in the President's budget message.

Even if a great part of the above-mentioned sum is withdrawn from non-defense measures, it will not have much effect upon the national debt. Savings will undoubtedly be transferred to the armament program. Here, at least, continued expenditures are absolutely necessary and will be of more immediate practical value. In a fighting war, it is essential that national expenditures rise to a maximum for offensive action and that other expenditures be kept to a minimum.

The Western World and World War II



This map shows how the Americas, with war to the East and far to the West, have lined up for the Pan-American conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Traditional anti-United States sentiment has dwindled in many Latin American nations in the face of the common danger. In some of the countries, strong pro-Axis minorities are busy publicizing the old story of "Yankee Imperialism." (Central Press)

Ship Sunk Off Long Island

Welles Sees Argentine

Success of Pan-American Conference May Have Been Bound Up in Meeting.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles of the United States and Foreign Minister Enrique Ruiz Guinazu of Argentina consulted for 25 minutes today and success or failure of the Pan-American conference at hand may have been bound up in that meeting.

The two met in the Argentine's hotel room and leaving the place separately, they withheld precise comment on their talk. Argentina has shown signs of holding out against any general Pan-American breach of relations with the axis.

Welles left Ruiz Guinazu's hotel room smiling. He said he had "a cordial and pleasant conversation with my old friend, the foreign minister of Argentina."

Welles and Ruiz Guinazu are the heads of their nations' delegations to the third consultative conference of foreign ministers of the Pan-American republics. Their talk was in the nature of a preliminary consultation.

Newspapers Favor Censor, Price Says

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Byron Price, director of censorship, said today that 99.9 per cent of the newspaper and radio industries were in favor of voluntarily withholding news which might be of value to the enemy and that "we're not crossing the bridge of threats or penalties until we come to it—if we do."

SAL Train Hits Truck; Driver Killed

Wake Forest, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A truck driver was killed and several railroad passengers were slightly injured today when a bakery truck and a southbound train collided at a crossing a mile north of here.

The Seaboard train, en route from New York to Miami, was partially derailed. The railroad officials said the engine and two cars left the track.

All of the passengers were able to continue their journey. (Continued on Page Seven)

Johnston Farmer Kills Wife And Man

Smithfield, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A middle-aged Johnston county farmer was lodged in an undisclosed jail today charged with double murder and a near fatal shooting.

Deputy Sheriff J. Monroe Parker identified the man as Herman Allen, about 35, of the Four Oaks section. The motive of the shooting was not immediately ascertained.

The dead were listed by Parker as Mrs. Ruth Allen, 30, wife of the suspect, and Cap Raynor, 32, who lived about six miles from the Allen farm.

The wounded man, Parker said, was Brady Lee, 26, brother of Mrs. Allen.

Enemy Sub Near Coast

Two Men Dead in Sinking of Panamanian Tanker 100 Miles From New York.

New York, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Disclosure that an enemy submarine had deliberately circled a Panamanian tanker just off Long Island, exploding two torpedoes in her port side and one in her starboard, was made today by Navy officials in detailing the closest approach of actual warfare to the nation's east coast.

Rear Admiral Edward C. Kalbfus, commander of the Newport naval base, disclosed that the attack by an unidentified submarine on the tanker Normas had resulted in the deaths of two men, besides an earlier Navy estimate. He said 38 officers and men had been rescued and were in "good shape."

The Normas was still partially afloat today, her bow sticking almost vertically out of the water—and Admiral Kalbfus notified the Navy department that the vessel constituted a menace to navigation.

The torpedoing occurred at 1:20 a. m. EST on Wednesday just 60 miles southeast of Montauk Point, Long Island, little more than 100 miles from New York harbor.

FOLGER WILL RUN IN 5TH DISTRICT Winston-Salem, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Representative John Folger of Mt. Airy, Democrat of the Fifth district, announced today he was a candidate for re-election, subject to the Democratic primary in May.

There are two other candidates for the office. They are J. H. Wulbern and Dr. D. C. Sbeans, both of Forsyth.

Second Ship Sunk Near New York

Coast Guard Bringing Survivors From Ship Sunk 15 Miles From Hampton Bays, About 75 Miles From New York City.

New York, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Coast Guard station at Oquebec, Long Island, said today that survivors of a ship attacked off the Long Island coast were being brought to shore.

Details of the attack were not immediately revealed. It was the second such attack in these waters in two days.

It was understood the attack occurred about 15 miles offshore from Hampton Bays, about 75 miles from New York city.

Headquarters of the third naval district here had no immediate confirmation of the attack.

The duty officer of the Quebec Coast Guard station said survivors were being brought to Shimcoek Inlet, which links the Atlantic ocean with Shimcoek bay.

Senators Make Charge Of Bungling

Governmental Red Tape, Labor Selfishness and Management Greed Hampered War Production, Investigators Declare.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Senate defense investigating committee charged today that American war production had been hampered seriously by months of official bungling, labor selfishness and management greed.

In a report covering its studies during last year the committee accused government agencies of slowing war output by a mesh of "regenerative red tape" and declared:

1. That after two years of frantic efforts America has not yet planned to allow adequate living time for its plants and that many of them are "motoring."

2. That dollar-a-year men on loan from industry were actually lobbyists for their former employers and should be eliminated.

3. That the automobile industry had been allowed to continue civilian production virtually unchecked throughout 1941 with no real conversion to military production even

Three New Divisions By March 15

Camp Facilities to Be Expanded; 75,000 Officers to Be Commissioned; Air Force Requirements Are Modified.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson announced today that the Army had started expanding to approximately 3,600,000 officers and men, more than doubling its present strength in ground and air forces.

Stimson said the increase, authorized by President Roosevelt, would be made this year, with the first three new divisions to be organized by March 15.

Looking to further increases of undischarged size next year, camp facilities are to be expanded in the meanwhile.

The expansion, announced at a press conference, calls for:

More than double the number of air combat units.

Creation of 32 motorized or triangular divisions, in addition to the 27 conventional ground troop divisions now in service, and doubling the number of armored units.

A proportionate increase in anti-aircraft, engineer, and similar special units.

Formation of 50 or more military police battalions to replace troops now guarding critical facilities in continental United States.

A large increase in the number of men in training centers to provide replacements for all organized units and the personnel for "the additional units to be created in the spring of 1943."

As a part of this vast expansion, Stimson announced at the same time, 75,000 officers will be commissioned in special officer candidate schools this year and requirements for air (Continued on Page Three)

Price Bill In Committee

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A Senate House conference committee reported general agreement today on broad purposes of wartime price control legislation but failed to settle any of the major differences between the two branches of Congress over the measure.

Senator Brown, Democrat, Michigan, after the initial session of an hour and a half, said the joint congressional group was reading through the Senate bill, which drew sharp criticism from President Roosevelt because of many price exceptions. The committee, Brown said, was for the moment skipping over "all controversial sections."

DAYLIGHT SAVING MEASURE PASSES

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Congressional action was completed by the House today on legislation for universal daylight saving time which would advance all clocks one hour.

The measure will become effective 20 days after President Roosevelt signs it.

Leaf Prices Near Record

North Carolina Tobacco Growers Receive 53 Per Cent More Than For 1940 Crop.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—(AP)—North Carolina tobacco farmers received \$127,851,856 for their 1941 flue-cured tobacco crop, an increase of 53 per cent over 1940, the State department of agriculture announced today in its final summary of warehouse reports.

Although the crop was 11 per cent smaller than in 1940, prices per pound were 73 per cent higher.

The price average of 29.83 cents a pound for first hand sales was the second highest on record. This figure, however, was 40 per cent lower than the all time record, set in 1919.

Warehousemen reported the total sales of 428,609,667 pounds. The six flue-cured markets which operated last month sold 4,135,490 pounds of leaf for an average of \$18.41 a hundred.

Two North Carolina burley markets reported December sales of 3,141,538 pounds, averaging 31.23 cents, compared with 3,680,054 pounds which averaged \$18.68 for the corresponding period last season. The burley markets are at Asheville and Boone.

Lindbergh Will Not Fly

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh will not return to active duty with the Army air corps, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today, but for the present will engage in technical research on a commercial project in which the War department is directly interested.

The secretary told his press conference that Lindbergh, formerly an air corps reserve colonel, called on him last Monday to ask whether he could be of any use to the government or the War department.

The next day, Stimson said, Lindbergh conferred with Lieutenant General H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army air forces, and Robert A. Lovett, assistant secretary of war for air.

Jap Liner Sunk By Sub

Sinking Raises to Eleven Total of Enemy Vessels Sunk by U. S. Undersea Craft.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Navy announced today that a 17,000-ton Japanese merchant liner had been sunk by an American submarine.

The vessel was of the Yawata class, owned and operated by the N. Y. K. lines, and probably convertible into an aircraft carrier.

A Navy spokesman said at least one vessel of the Yawata class of three ships, frequent visitors to west coast ports, had been converted into (Continued on Page Seven)

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair tonight, no much change in temperature.

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