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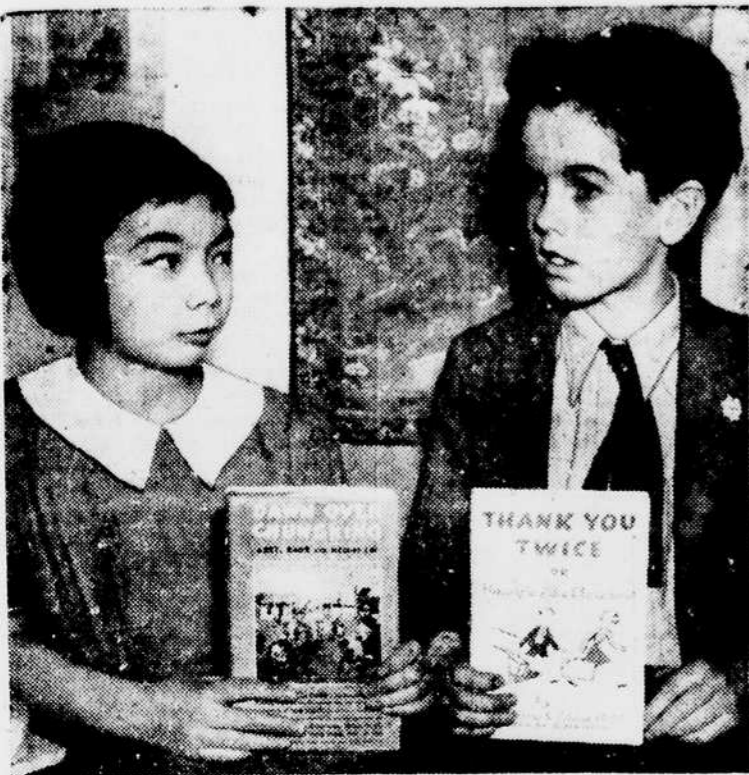
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## Conference of Authors



Mei-mei Lin, 11, daughter of China's most distinguished writer, Dr. Lin Yutang, and an author in her own right, confers with fellow author Eddie Bell, 11, a refugee from Britain. They met at United China Relief's Burma Road Mart, in New York City. Mei-mei is co-author with her sisters of "Dawn Over Chungking," and Eddie's book written in collaboration with his sister, Caroline, is "Thank You Twice" or "How We Like America." (Central Press)

## Five South American Nations Are Expected To Cut Axis Relations

### Argentina Wins Major Triumph in Forcing Adoption of Mild Resolution; Uruguay to Lead in Severing Axis Relations.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Five South American nations were expected today to sever diplomatic relations with Japan, Germany and Italy on the basis of a compromise anti-axis resolution approved last night by the political committee of the Pan-American foreign ministers.

## HIGHER RAIL RATE EFFECTIVE FEB. 10

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The ten per cent increase in passenger train fares will go into effect February 10.

## Cripps Sees Red Victory

### Former Ambassador to Russia Says Soviets Hope to Crush Hitler Next Winter.

London, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps, retiring British ambassador to Moscow, declared today the Russians hoped to deliver the final blow to Germany next fall and winter and that the Soviets "intend to make the conquest of Germany absolutely complete and thorough."

## China's Press Sees Landing In Tokyo Bay

Chungking, Jan. 24.—(AP)—China's army newspapers, Sanchang pao, which a few days ago were bewailing allied reverses in Malaya and the Philippines, optimistically voiced the opinion today that the United Nations were pursuing a "magnetic warfare" which would draw the Japanese far from home and clear the way for a landing in Tokyo Bay.

## Auto Industry Gives Pledge

Detroit, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The nation's automotive industry today pledged its fullest support to the war production board in the effort to obtain capacity output of war materials.

## Fresh Hordes Of Japanese Invaders Force

# U. S. Retreat On Batan

## Reds 'Almost Encircle' Smolensk

## Nazi-Held Rzhev Also Bottled Up

### Whether Hitler Remains at Smolensk Field Headquarters Is Unknown; Great Tank Battle Rages Along Gulf of Sirte.

(By The Associated Press.) Russia's hard driving armies were reported today to have "almost encircled" Adolf Hitler's field headquarters at Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow, bottled up German-held Rzhev and advanced within 120 miles of the Latvian frontier in a 65-mile sweep through the Valdai hills.

Whether Hitler still remained at Smolensk was unknown. Rzhev, 125 miles northwest of Moscow, was a main German defense anchor guarding the "escape corridor" of Hitler's battered armies retreating along the Napoleonic road from Moshkova to Smolensk.

On the north African front, the astonishing boomerang of Britain's counter offensive was marked by a great new tank battle raging along the Gulf of Sirte, north of axis-re-occupied Agadabia.

A bulletin from British headquarters said Lieutenant-General Noel Ritchie's main British forces had engaged the counter-attacking German army on a "very large" battlefield but that the result of the fighting was not yet known.

Dispatches said General Erwin Rommel had apparently thrown more than half of his remaining tanks into a triangular battle zone, with its points at Agadabia, 30 miles south of Bengasi; at Sannu, 42 miles to the east; and at Antelat, 30 miles northeast of Agadabia.

A German communiqué reported briefly that "in south Africa, the attack of German and Italian fast troops supported by bombers and dive bombers is continuing successfully."

Premier Mussolini's high command said German-Italian motorized columns were continuing their offensive and that "strong enemy units were pushed back further east of Agadabia."

Revolt of the German-occupied Baltic republics was urged by Soviet Russia as a means of capitalizing immediately on Red army victories which threaten invasion communication lines about both Leningrad and Smolensk.

## War Profits Tax Proposed

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Congressmen are considering a special tax on industry to drain off most war production profits.

Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, chairman of the Senate finance committee, today advocated a "super" levy on war profits, over and above any taxes that now are imposed or might be voted on excess profits in general.

## Pearl Harbor Probe Report Is Submitted

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A full report on the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, fixing responsibility and naming names was submitted to President Roosevelt today by Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts, head of the investigating commission.

The 51-page document with its findings of facts and conclusions was to be released tonight in full. Justice Roberts spent nearly two hours with President Roosevelt going through the document line by line.

He told reporters afterwards that it contained a letter saying what the commission had covered, specific findings of facts, a summary of the important facts and the conclusions. He said each of the five members of the commission had signed the report.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said the report would be mimeographed promptly and released tonight.

He had said earlier it would be submitted first to the director of censorship, Byron Price, for deletion of any matter that might be of value to the enemy. However, he declared that it had been decided to turn the report out to the public "completely and in full."

Asked whether there would be any immediate action on the basis of the report, Early replied that the document would be studied over the week-end and probably most of next week.

## NEW NAME COMING UP

Mikado, Mich., Jan. 24.—(AP)—First act of Mikado's winter sports queen, Mary Jane Smith, was to propose that her home town's name be changed to MacArthur in honor of the commander of the United States and Philippine forces in the Philippines. There's been agitation for a change ever since the Japanese Mikado's troops struck at Pearl Harbor.

## TRAILERS

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Establishment of the farm security administration of 2,475 trailer units for workers in defense centers was authorized today by Charles E. Palmer, defense housing co-ordinator.

Among the locations were Jacksonville, N. C., 175.

## Textile School Should Open Next Fall

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

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Odus Mall, chairman of the committee in charge of establishing the new State Textile School at Gaston, has reported to Governor Broughton that despite the war, or maybe because of it, real progress is being made in the largest vocational educational project the State has undertaken in many a year.

First training of young men probably will begin next fall although the school is not expected to be completed by that time.

Having received a priority rating, the school has been promised steel by March 1 and construction of the building is expected to begin immediately. There is some doubt as to how long it will require to get the needed machinery but \$35,000 worth of machine shop equipment already is on hand.

The school is being financed by the State and by donations from textile interests. It is expected to be of service not only to the textile plants of the State but also to those young men and women who want training but haven't either the money or the time to go to a technical college. The school will be operated by the vocational, educational division of the

## Set for Assembly Lines Battle



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## DOLLAR-A-YEAR MEN WOULD BE DIVORCED OF PARTY POLITICS

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Strong Democratic support developed in the Senate today behind an effort to force the government's dollar-a-year men to abandon any political activities or else give up their federal jobs.

Leading the effort was Chairman Truman, Democrat, Missouri, of the Senate's defense investigating committee, who declared that several members of the Republican national committee now hold defense jobs and their political posts as well.

## Japs Suffer Reverses

Good News Comes From Malaya, With Victories on Land, Sea and in Air.

(By The Associated Press.) Australian gunners smashed a column of Japanese tanks and troops in the Malayan jungles 67 miles north of Singapore today. Dutch bombers blasted a Japanese invasion force off Borneo and to cap a day of United Nations victories, U. S. and British fighters wiped out seven twin-engine Japanese bombers in a wild dog fight over Rangoon, Burma.

While cheering thousands watched the sky battle, the American and British fighters also shot down four Japanese fighter planes, bringing the combined RAF-Yankoo score to 32 enemy planes destroyed in two days.

In the critical battle for Singapore, front line dispatches said Australian artillerymen scored a deadly torrent of shells into a Japanese contingent attempting to advance down the main highway north of Young Peng, 67 miles above Singapore, smashing tanks and trucks.

Major Victor Gordon Bennett, Australian commando, also reported that an "Aussie" force trapped

## Japs Hurled From Other Positions

Heavy Losses on Both Sides Reported by War Department; MacArthur's Position Considered Grave; Other Far East News.

(By The Associated Press.) Fresh hordes of Japanese invasion troops, supported by barrages from warship guns, forced General Douglas MacArthur's American-Philippine defenders to fall back in heavy and bloody fighting on the west coast of Batan peninsula today, but fierce counter attacks hurled the Japanese from other points.

A War department bulletin said General MacArthur's troops though fatigued by six weeks of incessant fighting, still were battling with undiminished enthusiasm and courage.

Heavy losses were suffered on both sides," the communique said, adding that the Japanese continued to land reinforcements in Subic Bay and on the west coast of the rugged B-tan peninsula, increasing their already overwhelming numerical superiority.

A military spokesman said the Japanese apparently were trying to turn General MacArthur's left flank, anchored on the south China sea, and "smother" the defenders with mass attacks elsewhere.

The acknowledgment that the invaders had effected landing on the Batan west coast indicated that

## Radio, Phonograph Output To Be Cut

War Production Board Directs Makers to Reduce Production for Civilian Use to Make Way for Huge Military Contracts.

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The war production board directed radio and phonograph makers today to cut their output for civilian use by nearly one half during the next three months, and indicated that the major companies soon would be on a 100 per cent war production footing.

The board required the industry to prioritize 100 million dollars in military contracts, including 100 million and 50 million in the (radio) plant and 120,000 tanks to be produced in the next 18 months.

To free manufacturing facilities for this output, the WPB ordered products, whose output exceeded \$1,000,000 during the first nine months of 1940 to cut their civilian use production by 45 per cent during the next 90 days. The smaller plants, whose sales were less than \$1,000,000, were directed to curtail their output by 35 per cent.

In making the production curbs, the board said that WPB will be able to produce 250 tons of copper, 100 tons of aluminum and 400 tons of steel in the next 90 days.

Similar curbs were ordered in the production of many other war materials, including such items as rubber, tin, and zinc.

## Rationing Of Sugar Is Likely

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Continued heavy "crisis" on sugar supplies will compel the government to rationing the commodity within a month or less, office of price administration sources said today.

Designs for rationing books are being drawn up and printed, it was learned, and details of the rationing machinery are nearly perfected.

Large industrial sugar consumers already have been limited to the same supplies of sugar they received in comparable months of 1940, and this restriction has made itself felt for weeks at retail outlets.

Many grocery stores have placed arbitrary limits on the amounts sold each customer, and in places where the "run" has been particularly heavy, some consumers have been unable to buy sugar in any quantity.

## Outlook Dark For Hosiery Industry

Charlotte, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Taylor B. Durham, secretary of the Southern Hosiery Manufacturers Association, said today that "the outlook is dark for all divisions of the hosiery industry."

"The available supplies of nylon, rayon and low cotton yarns needed by the hosiery industry are being decreased, mostly by diversion to the military, and even quantities of yarn for production of civilian hosiery are assured," he said.

However, there was a prospect that a substantial part of the full fashioned sock producers would be converted into plants for assembly of duplicate invasion war supplies.

The war production board indicated that such conversion may take place.

## Export Prices To Be Fixed

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson disclosed today that the United States would establish export price ceilings on scarce materials to protect buyers in Latin American republics.

At the same time he made public the text of a telegram sent by Secretary of State Hull to the inter-American conference of foreign ministers at Rio de Janeiro.

"We are pleased to inform you that there are being established in the United States export price ceilings on scarce materials to protect buyers in Latin American republics."

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