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CHURCHILL DEMANDS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Eire Protests U. S. Troops In Ireland

De Valera Says Split Emphasized

Eire's Prime Minister Refers to Partition of Ireland; Says Eire Not Consulted on Stationing of U. S. Force.

Dublin, Jan. 27. — (AP) — Prime Minister Eamon de Valera issued a statement tonight protesting against the arrival of United States troops in northern Ireland, across the border from Eire.

The statement declared that Eire had not been consulted either by the United States or Britain on the stationing of the troops.

De Valera based his objection on the emphasis laid on the partition of Eire and northern Ireland by the establishment of the American forces on the northern side of the border.

His statement referred to the fight 20 years ago when, he said, the Irish nation was partitioned "despite the express will of the Irish people."

He compared the division of Ireland with the partition of Poland and called it "one of the cruelties of age that could be committed."

However, he declared the people of Eire have "no feeling of hostility toward and no desire to be brought in any way into conflict with the United States."

Germans Lose More Ground In Russia

Army troops were officially declared today to have re-captured a number of additional villages and towns through fierce fighting "in which the enemy suffered heavy losses."

The Soviet information bureau in a mid-day communique, said the advance westward continued during the night, but gave no details.

It added that the Germans lost 1,540 officers and men on the southern front.

(Highly placed Russians in London said the re-capture of Ljuzny, on the upper Volga 130 miles northwest of Moscow, was "expected at any moment" and that a blizzard-braving assault threatened the German stand at Velikie Luki, 140 miles farther along and only 80 miles from the Latvian frontier.)

(Over 200 miles southwest of Moscow, and Belgorod, at the head of the Donets basin, also were reported under heavy pressure.)

Shipyards Rush Work

House, Debating Appropriation for Navy, Told Program Advanced Several Months.

Washington, Jan. 27. — (AP) — Overtime and speed-up plans already in effect will advance completion of warships now being built by the Navy by several months, Representative Scruggs, Nevada, told the House today in opening debate on the \$17,722,565,474 naval appropriations bill, largest in history.

As chairman of the naval appropriations subcommittee, Scruggs disclosed that it "is now the plan to slow down the units the least advanced and to concentrate on the ones slated for commissioning in the near future."

At present, Scruggs said, the United States has 15 capital ships under way. The new appropriation, than \$200,000,000 toward their completion.

There are now 383 combatant ships building, he said, and 3,126

British Battleship Barham Belatedly Reported As Sunk

Guest of F.D.R.



Four-year-old Gerry King, from a New York City tenement district, is ready to leave his home and visit the White House. The cheery youngster, just four months out of an infantile paralysis hospital bed was invited by Mrs. Roosevelt for lunch at the White House on the President's birthday, January 30. The lad's mother is shown with him. (Central Press)

Reds Salvage War Materiel Left By Nazis

With the Red Army on the Central Front, Jan. 27. — (AP) — The Russian army, continuing its deadly flanking movements, moved today into Smolensk province today after clearing the last German from the province of Moscow.

Mozhaisk, the battered and rained high water mark of the Germans' advance west of the capital, where they withstood a furious Red army counter attack for so long, has been converted into an assembly point for trophies captured from the Nazis.

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Stewart Says Few Yankees Understand South America

By CHARLES P. STEWART (Central Press Columnist)

Washington, Jan. 27. — If we had, in responsible positions in the United States, a corporal's guard of individuals, by the slightest extent familiar with South and Central America's peoples, governments, economies, resources and conditions generally, we'd be in shape now to solidly those responsibilities with ourselves as never before and for all time.

We're a bit acquainted with Mexico and with some of the insular Latin, but that's where it stops. From the Gulf of Chesapeake and Honduras, on



Stewart Welles

Admiralty Announces Sinking in Mediterranean on November 25, Keeping Loss a Secret for Two Months to Cheat Nazis.

London, Jan. 27. — (AP) — The sinking of the battleship Barham, 21,000-ton veteran of Britain's navy, in the Mediterranean last November 25 was announced by the admiralty today after it had kept the loss a secret for two months to cheat the enemy of any profit from knowledge of its sinking.

The loss of the Barham, which the axis long had claimed as sunk in the Mediterranean, cut Britain's capital ships to 13.

She had 15 when she entered the war and since has added three, but five have been lost—the battleships Prince of Wales, Royal Oak and Barham, and the battle cruiser Repulse and Hood.

The admiralty said the Barham's commander, Captain C. G. Cooke, was lost, but that Vice Admiral M. D. Pringle-Watson, second in command of the Mediterranean Fleet, was saved.

How many others of her crew or 1,100 to 1,200 were lost was not disclosed.

Second AEF Finds Billets Well Prepared

By RICE YAHNER

With the AEF in Northern Ireland, Jan. 27. — (AP) — Seas-wary United States soldiers—vanguard of a second AEF—worked the kinks out of cramped billets today in camps constructed by American technicians who have been working here for eight months.

In good spirit after an uneventful Atlantic crossing under the protecting guns of the United States and British navies, the troops—over 100,000 strong—found everything in readiness to receive them when they landed yesterday amid cheers and martial music.

The bill to which they were whisked away by train and motor transport were not makeshift affairs. On the contrary, their quarters proved to be sturdily insulated huts created of prefabricated parts brought from the United States and designed especially to withstand the cold and frequent rains of northern Ireland.

While the setting was new, the wartime crossing of the Atlantic and the debarkation were an old story to many of the officers and non-commissioned officers who had on these shores nearly 25 years ago as

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Five Star Mother



Mrs. Mary A. Arnott of Jamaica Plain, Mass., is displaying the flag that signifies that she is a five star mother. Her five sons, all volunteers, gave the U. S. navy a slight edge, with three in that branch of the service, and two for the army.

Japs Nearer Singapore

British Island Fortress Bombed; Reinforcements Landed Above Defense Anchor.

Singapore, Jan. 27. — (AP) — Fierce attacking Japanese troops pressed closer to vital Singapore on the entire Malayan front today, bombed the great island fortress and landed reinforcements above the eastern anchor line of British defenses.

The attacks were within 40 miles of the island on the west, where the British still counting on taking above island Singapore. The British fortress consisted of twelve miles long, 100 feet high, whose fall was anticipated yesterday.

Apparently bitterly contested Klang, rail and highway junction in the central half of the island, had fallen too because the British acknowledged fighting south of there. Klang is only 20 miles from Singapore.

In the south of Klang and by a Hindu air force has supported by its air force with continued bombing and machine gun attack against movements on roads, the communications and "fighting is in progress in these areas."

A British air force was based over Endau, 40 miles northwest of here, and on the east coast, and the British shot down twelve Japanese planes, some twice hit, on 1700 today, and a large supply dump on the beach.

The British said they were fighting this force north of J Malacca, ten miles southeast of Mering. This indicated the eastern front had been pushed back.

Leon Henderson Given Full Rationing Powers

Washington, Jan. 27. — (AP) — Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board today gave Price Administrator Leon Henderson full authority to ration all retail market and any products sold to ultimate consumers for the satisfaction of personal needs.

In a speech made by Nelson and approved by President Roosevelt, Henderson was given full authority to exercise full control over:

- 1. The sale of product by any person who sells at retail.
- 2. The sale of product by any person to an ultimate consumer acquiring the product for the satisfaction of personal needs as distinct from business or industrial needs.

Another Jap War Vessel May Be Sunk

Another Japanese Ship, Believed to be a Battleship, Aided to Toll of Effort to Recapture Strait of Macassar.

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, Jan. 27. — (AP) — Another heavy Japanese war vessel, believed to be a battleship, was added to the toll of the enemy's desultory effort to run the Strait of Macassar in a recapitulation of the Dutch today.

The summary by authoritative sources said in the first days of a winter Dutch-Australian air and sea assault on a great Japanese convoy in the narrow waters between the islands of Borneo and Celebes, 23 enemy ships were sunk or heavily damaged and 13 warplanes downed.

Eleven of the ships were war vessels, and 17 were transports, it said. The vessel presumed to be a battleship was said to have gone down on the first day of the great battle, January 25.

An Australian in Washington showed a joint American-Dutch toll of 24 Japanese ships—eleven as certainly sunk, at least six probably sunk and 17 more damaged—but the list in Batavia was only for January 23 through 26, the first three days of the five-day engagement.

The toll was no indication of the original size of the convoy, but it was estimated, based on the Japanese toll, that the Japanese had lost a considerable part of their effective strength. The Dutch high command nevertheless said it was believed that the invaders had succeeded in occupying further points in the Kendari region of southern Celebes, where they had landed troops on Sunday.

Ecuador Threatens To Bolt Meet

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 27. — (AP) — The final session of the Pan-American conference, at which the many agreements of the foreign ministers were to have been signed, was postponed today when Ecuador threatened denunciation of Peru over their border differences and declared herself prepared to leave the conference.

The Ecuadorian minister to Rio de Janeiro told reporters that "Ecuador is ready to make a strong denunciation of Peru at its plenary session and leave the conference without signing the final accord."

A consequence of the Ecuadorian foreign minister, Oswaldo Ariaza, chairman of the conference, hoping that a session would be held before the evening, postponed the plenary session until tomorrow.

Meanwhile, President Vargas of Brazil called his cabinet into session today and announced persons said Brazil's evidence of relations with Germany, Italy and Japan was the main topic of the session.

Asks for U. S. Help



Richard G. Casey, Australian Minister to the White House, is shown at the White House where he appealed to the President for all possible aid from the United States, as well as from England, to combat the Japanese threat to the Commonwealth.

Jap Planes Shot Down

Philippine Air Defenders Bag Two Dive Bombers and Disable a Third in Battle.

Washington, Jan. 27. — (AP) — New American pursuit planes shot down two Japanese dive bombers and disabled a third in the Philippine Islands, the War department announced today.

The War department said General Douglas MacArthur also reported that two of his motor torpedo boats engaged a formation of enemy dive bombers, hitting three of them, which when lost seen by the Americans were smoking and being altitude rapidly.

There is no enemy air ground fighting in the Philippines during the past 24 hours, the War department announced today.

The department also announced that Marine General Roy S. Clayton, commanding the 1st Marine Amphibious Corps, reported that the United States Marine Corps in the United States had shot down a Japanese plane which was flying over Ireland yesterday. The plane had been shot down by a British anti-aircraft gun.

Screen Star At Fort Bragg

Metrolia, Jan. 27. — (AP) — Metrolia, actress, who will appear in a new picture at Fort Bragg, was a guest at a school assembly at the military station today.

The thirty something actress, who will appear in a new picture at Fort Bragg, was a guest at a school assembly at the military station today.

Rooney, who recently married Miss Ava Gardner of Wilson, must register for selective service February 16, but at Fort Bragg he will be given a late of military life in advance a plans called for by donning a uniform and taking a gun for the benefit of photographers. Mrs. Rooney remained at her mother's home near Wilson.

The British said their aircraft had been "very active" over the battle front yesterday and had inflicted considerable damage on enemy columns.

Increasing Allied Might Is Pictured

British Prime Minister Tells House of Commons That American Troops Landed in Ireland Are Only Vanguard of More to Come.

London, Jan. 27. — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill presented Britain today with a picture of growing allied might and unity and demanded that parliament vote confidence in his government.

Against his frank admission that had now, had come from the Pacific ocean battle front, Churchill presented these statements:

"United States troops which have landed in northern Ireland are only the vanguard of more to come."

"United States fighter planes will only defend Britain against air assaults."

"United States bombers will join the royal air force in bombing Germany."

"Considerable reinforcements have reached the Malayan front in the past week."

"We are taking many measures with the United States to increase the security of Australia and New Zealand, sending reinforcements, arms and equipment by the best routes." The prime minister declared.

"It is because I see the white gleaming behind the clouds, and ascending upon our path," Mr. Churchill said at the end of his candid report of the good and evil in Britain's war fortunes, "that I make as bold now as to demand a declaration of confidence in the house of commons as an additional weapon in the armory of the United Nations."

At the close of Churchill's speech the house of commons began debate on Britain's war direction, but the thunderous cheers that greeted him left no doubt how the house of commons will vote.

In Libya, he said, an imperial army outnumbered two to one by General Erwin Rommel's German-Italian forces had re-occupied Tripoli.

Now, he added, Britain's job is to hold it.

He called Britain's munitions output "enormous" with tank production doubled in the last six months. Churchill said he doubted that Japan would attempt an invasion of Australia—a very ambitious overseas operation in the present and eventually limit it to the British and American pacific region, as they must regain ultimate control of the Pacific.

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Nazi Drive Is Held Up

British Report 'Little Change in Last 24 Hours' In Libyan Counter Offensive.

Cairo, Jan. 27. — (AP) — British forces in Libya apparently have halted their retreat before the combined German-Italian army. Middle East headquarters, reporting today that there had been little change in the general situation during the past 24 hours.

"The main battle area is still north and northeast of Mersa, but the announcement, 'There is no change in the situation north of Agadabia.'"

Mersa, which was mentioned in yesterday's communique as the scene of sharp fighting is about 80 miles northeast of Agadabia and approximately the same distance southeast of Bengasi.

The British announced Friday that they had withdrawn from Agadabia under the pressure of the new axis counter offensive. A further axis advance north and east of Mersa would seriously endanger the British front at Bengasi and might compel the troops there to withdraw along the coast to escape encirclement.

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WEATHER
FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
Occasional moderate rain and showers with rising temperature tonight.