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## Singapore Withstands Siege

### Russia Reports Steady Advances

### Nazis Send New Forces To Defense

Red Armies Reported Approaching Borders of White Russia, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania; Axis Forces Gain in Africa.

(By The Associated Press.) Russia's president, Michael Kalinin, proclaimed today that "the hour is near when all of the occupied (Soviet) republics will return to the family" of the USSR and declared that the Red armies now were approaching the borders of White Russia, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.

A Soviet broadcast reported that Hitler had thrown several big divisions into the conflict, most of old classes.

Front line dispatches said Russia's winter campaign, designed to cripple the Germans and break their spring offensive before it can get underway, was pressing steadily forward.

On the north African front, Cairo dispatches said it was believed that German spearheads had advanced within 50 miles of historic Tobruk, after a 180-mile drive eastward from the gulf of Sirte.

British headquarters said imperial mobile columns and patrols were active "along the whole of our front" but gave no details, while an RAF communique reported British bombers pounded axis forces east of Tunisia.

Tunisi is 60 miles west of Tobruk, and 140 miles from the Egyptian border.

Premier Mussolini's high command said axis troops had swept beyond Derna, 95 miles west of Tobruk, and were "continuing to pursue the enemy eastward."

This meant that the axis counter-offensive had already rolled back within 175 miles of the Egyptian-Libyan frontier, regaining half the ground lost in the British thrust which drove Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces to El Agheila on the border of Tripolitania.

Coupled with the axis resurgence in Libya, Moscow newspapers warned Turkey to "keep its eyes open" because Hitler "is up to something in the Balkans."

A Soviet commentator said Hitler plans to seize the Turkish-controlled Dardanelles as a gateway to the oil-rich Caucasus and the eastern Mediterranean.

**SABOTEURS SEVER COMMUNICATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Capetown, Union of South Africa, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Wire-cutting saboteurs caused serious disruption of telephone and telegraph communications in South Africa last night.

Capetown was cut off from Johannesburg for three and one-half hours and cable traffic was delayed.

The wires were cut in the area south of Johannesburg and in the Kimberly district.

The death penalty has recently been decreed for sabotage.

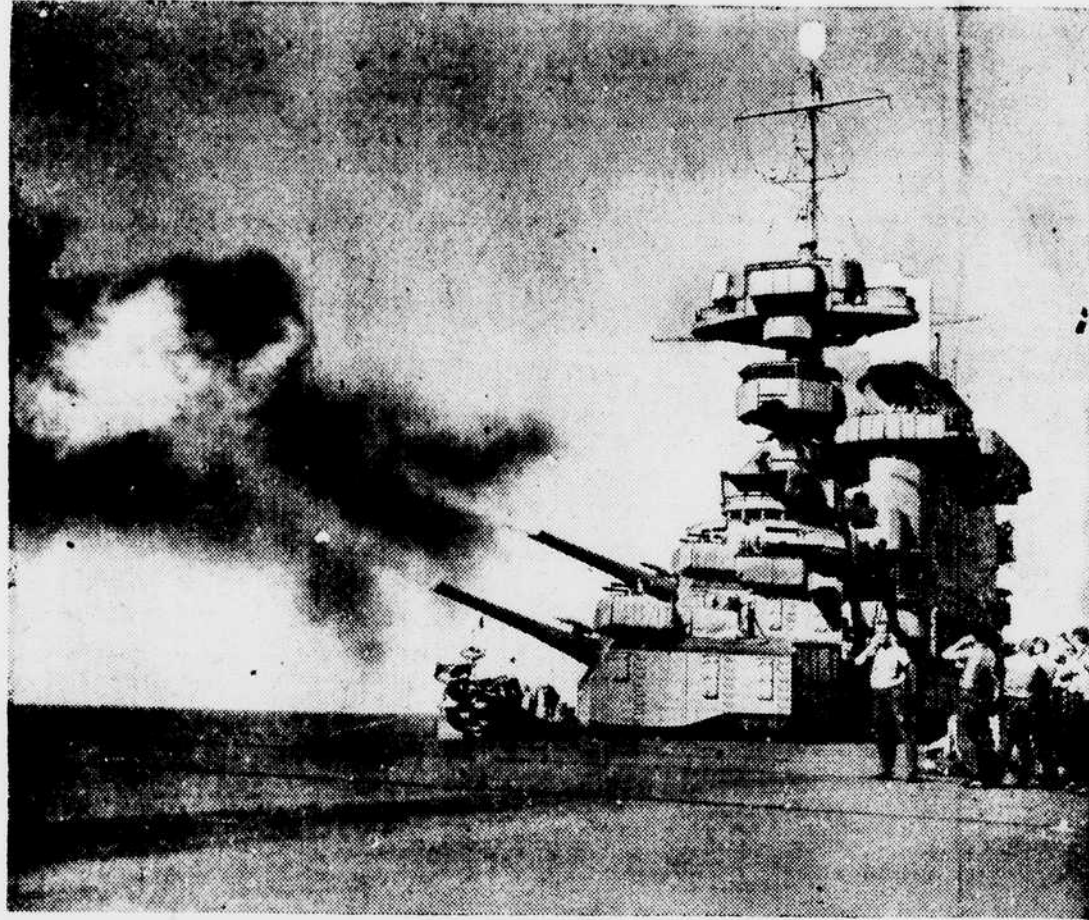
**Bus Service To Army Camp Up For Study**

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne began work today on an order covering bus operations to the new Army camp near Durham.

It was understood that the order would deal with requests of the Granville Transportation company to operate from Oxford to Durham via the camp, and of the Camp Trailways company to operate from Durham and Creedmoor to the camp.

Winborne said that a hearing scheduled for today on a request of Penny and Phelps Bus company to operate from Raleigh via Creedmoor to the camp had been postponed.

### A Carrier's Guns Bark Defiance



Official U. S. Navy Photo

An aircraft carrier's two forward batteries let go a salvo at a target being towed several thousand yards distant. These guns are manned twenty-four hours a day, and the carrier is now somewhere in the Pacific as a unit in an offensive patrol against Axis U-boats and surface ships. (Central Press)

## Navy Money Bill Is Passed

### Babson Sees Much Change

Rationing in Many Lines Due to Affect Business and Home Life of Nation.

By ROGER W. BABSON

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Babson Park, Fla., Feb. 5.—All of us are slaves of habit, custom, and style. It's awfully hard for us to change our personal purchases, but we simply must do so if this war lasts more than eighteen months longer. Let me this week give you some possible illustrations.

**Plenty of Food**

There will be no scarcity of wheat, corn, cotton, sugar, most vegetables, and fruits. This law applies to beef, chicken, and certain other meats. But cheese, butter, milk, eggs, and pork are wanted badly ahead. This means they will go up in price.

Meats will probably advance to continue your milk purchases, but cut down on the other items that are needed in England and by the armed forces. Instead of buying pork, sausage, and bacon, use other meats and poultry. Fish is high, not because of scarcity of fish but of boats and fishermen.

If the war lasts long enough, readers must substitute South American "mate" for tea, must cut down on cocoa and give up pepper and most spices. It is well to keep a year's supply of soap in the house. Paint quality is sure to suffer due to the use of less lead and zinc.

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### CONVICT STRIKERS SENT TO SOLITARY

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Three prisoners, held to have been instigators of a strike Monday at the Wayne county prison farm, have been ordered placed in solitary confinement, State Prison Director Oscar Pitts said today. Pitts said he did not recall their names.

Pitts and Chairman Ben Prince of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, spent several hours in Wayne county yesterday investigating the strike. The Negroes had complained of food.

Complaints of the prisoners are being checked. Pitts said he planned to confer today with the camp supervisor and superintendent and said that any irregularities will be straightened out.

### Hospital Ship Is Attacked By Japanese

Melbourne, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A hospital ship carrying wounded American soldiers and nurses from the Philippines to an Australian port was attacked nine times in one day by Japanese bombers and fighter planes which "came over like swarms of flies," it was disclosed today.

One of the wounded soldiers said that the raid took place between mid-day and late afternoon of January 8 but "all the wounded were cheerful and declared their only wish was to get well and have another crack at the Japs."

The ship apparently was the 2,067-ton Macon, which the U. S. Army announced on January 15 had reached Darwin, Australia, after sailing from Manila shortly before New Year's. This would seem to locate the attack as somewhere off the Dutch East Indies island of Celebes.

### Big Banks Under Fire

Eccles Says 'A Few of the Big Banks' Opposed Direct Buying of U. S. Bonds.

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### Pepper Asks Speedy Aid For Russia

Florida Senator Says Soviet Needs War Materials to Prepare for Nazi Spring Offensive; Ship Shortage Blamed.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Increased deliveries of military supplies to Russia was urged today by Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, as Republicans joined with Democrats in seeking to expedite final congressional approval of a measure extending \$50,000,000 in financial aid to China.

Pepper, approval of the proposed China loan, Pepper told reporters, is "absolutely essential to the success of our war materials to Russia so the Soviets would be as well prepared as possible for the projected German spring offensive."

The Florida senator said he did not doubt that the necessity of rushing reinforcements to the southwestern Pacific had interfered with the schedule of deliveries to Russia, causing the lag which has created considerable concern in some quarters here.

Pepper declared that this deficiency in shipments should be remedied as speedily as possible.

Defense officials said there was no question of ignoring previous assurances given Moscow. On the contrary, they asserted, the production of the promised supplies was generally "on an ahead of schedule."

The abrupt heavy demand made on available shipping was the big problem, they explained, but they hoped to solve this satisfactorily.

### Italian Subs Reported Sunk In Atlantic

London, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The admiralty asserted today that several Italian submarines had "paid the ultimate penalty" after having been detected by the German submarine campaign in the Atlantic.

One of these, the admiralty said, was the Prato, an 800-ton craft, armed with eight torpedoes, which was sunk late in 1941 after having been damaged by a United States-built Catalina flying boat.

The admiralty said the Prato had had a "successful but unsuccessful" history.

She was one of four Italian submarines which escaped from Mas-sandra, Eritrea, on the Red sea, when Italy lost her east African empire, and which made a 14,000-mile voyage back to Europe without incident.

Such a cruise was "highly probable" by meeting with a German supply ship which was sailing under the Stars and Stripes," the admiralty said.

### War Industry Boom Starts In State; Hall Appointed

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

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—What appears to be a boom in war industry, including numerous plants, started in North Carolina this week.

The Canadian American Co. wrote Governor Broughton that it had decided to locate a plant in the old hosiery mill at Carboro. Shell building will be its work. The prospects of locating an airplane motor plant in a certain Piedmont city took a sudden rise. Conversion of a Durham cigarette machine factory into war work is in prospect. Certain interests are looking in the west for sites for food drying and processing plants, giving special attention to wood-working plants. Several other items in the fire are warming up.

This morning the war production board finally got around to confirming the appointment of living Hall as director of war contract distribu-

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### Quits Mission Post



Dr. John R. Mott, 76, for 22 years chairman of the International Missionary Council, has retired from that post, according to an announcement issued from the Council's New York headquarters. Mott is succeeded by Bishop James C. Baker of the Southern California Area of the Methodist Church. (Central Press)

### Spy Roundup Effective

### FBI Raids of Last Year Hampered Espionage Activities, Witness Testifies.

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—An FBI roundup of German spies in the summer of 1941 was said by a witness in federal court today to have hampered the operations of several members of another alleged espionage ring.

One man fled to a mountain hideout and a woman made plans to leave for Japan with information on defense industries, Army camps and the new Douglas B-19 bomber, the witness said.

Eighteen-year old Lucy Boehmter, who has pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to violate the espionage act, testified for the third day at the trial of six men and one woman.

Miss Boehmter testified that after the 1941 roundup—which resulted in 22 convictions—Kurt Frederick Ludwig, named by the government as leader of the defendants' spy or trial, fled to a Pocomo mountain hideout.

Other developments in the world-wide conflict included:

### Chinese Say Japs Repulsed

Chungking, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A Chinese communique today said Japanese infiltration had been pushed back to the east and west of Wang-chow, a port on the Yangtze in Kwang-sung province, which recently was recaptured by the Chinese.

Downstream, however, the Japanese succeeded in recapturing the town of Peking on the main road, 20 miles below Wang-chow.

On both sides of the Chang river, in the Nanchang area, the Chinese reported they slaughtered or wounded 2,000 Japanese, wiping out a garrison at a rail town on the east bank.

Five hundred soldiers of the Nanchang garrison, which recently deserted, the Japanese and garrison Chiang Kai-Shek are being reorganized behind the Chinese lines, the Chinese reported.

### JAP PATROLS CROSS THE SALWEEN RIVER

Rangoon, Burma, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The British officially acknowledged today that Japanese patrols had crossed the lower Salween river at a number of points, since the 500 yards occupied Moulmein last Saturday.

The Japanese occupied Paan, 30 miles above Moulmein, several days ago, a British military spokesman said and the RAF reported it had subjected the town to a heavy bombing attack today.

At the same time British patrols were reported to have penetrated the enemy lines on the east bank of the Salween river.

### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Slightly warmer tonight, with occasional light drizzle to morning.

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### Artillery Duels Mark Fight There

### Japanese Warplanes Attack Soerabaja and Fort Moresby; War Department Reports United States Planes in Action.

(By The Associated Press.)

Japanese warplanes still harassed by gunfire, on a direct assault against Singapore and starting artillery duels across the miles-wide Johore Strait today, while Japanese warplanes again attacked the Big Dutch naval base at Soerabaja, Java, and Port Moresby, New Guinea.

A War department bulletin said U. S. army P-40 pursuit planes, adding in the defense of vital Dutch Indies, attacked a greatly superior force of Japanese bombers and fighting planes in Java.

A Japanese bomber and a pursuit plane were shot down, the War department said. One American plane was listed as missing.

It was the first indication that American pursuit planes, piloted by U. S. Army fliers, had reached the Indies.

The War department also reported a lull in the battle of Batavia during the past 24 hours, with action lacking "the savage character of the fighting which has been almost continuous for the past two weeks."

British headquarters said Singapore's defense guns silenced Japanese batteries and raked Japanese troop ports in the Johore Bahru area directly across from the beleaguered island.

Four-engine Japanese flying boats attacked Fort Moresby before dawn, dropping 50 bombs and blazing away with cannon and machine gun fire in the second raid there in three days.

Fort Moresby is the capital of Papua, in southeastern New Guinea, 300 miles from Cape York, Australia. An NEI communique acknowledged losses were set and material damage inflicted in the Japanese assault on Soerabaja this morning, following on Tuesday's initial raid in which 70 to 80 Rising Sun bombers with a strong fighter escort attacked the vital base.

The Japanese claimed they had shot down or destroyed on the ground 60 planes in Tuesday's raid. The Dutch admitted "very considerable" losses in aircraft.

Other developments in the world-wide conflict included:

American troops in the German high command asserted that most U-boats operating off the Atlantic coast had sunk six more merchant ships totaling 47,000 tons, including a 25,000-ton ore ship.

Singapore—Japanese warplanes renewed high level, dive bombing and machine gunning attacks on the island's 750,000 population and pounded shipping in the harbor.

RAF bases came under intercepted a large formation of Japanese fighters over Singapore, their anti-aircraft fire probably shot down another and damaged a third.

### Pamphlets Tell France Yanks Coming

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—RAF bombers, assembling at delivery bases in the U. S. A., are sewing occupied France with pamphlets by the millions, proclaiming the gigantic scope of America's war effort and telling the conquered French people that "The Yanks are coming."

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early made known the newest series of pamphlet raids today, and disclosed that the heaviest bombardment was particularly intense on the Brittany peninsula.

The same ports and towns were the first to see the doughboys a quarter of a century ago, and that maritime section of France would be one of the first likely theatres of action whenever the United Nations are ready to open a major invasion campaign to reach the continent.

Early, who reported that a million of 1,417,500 pamphlets had been dropped in the latest raid, said that he had been told that operations to date constituted the "biggest pamphlet bombing job ever done."

In the current struggle, it will probably be some time before the

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