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JAP NAVY SUFFERS THIRD GREAT DEFEAT

SIAMESE TWINS LIVE SHORT TIME



Their bodies joined from chest to abdomen, the Siamese girl twins of Mrs. Angelina Fiebert, 25, lie face-to-face in St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, where they were born by Caesarian operation shortly after midnight Thursday. They died at 3:15 o'clock, yesterday afternoon.

Prices Frozen For Some Canned Goods

Price Administrator Henderson Sets Ceiling for Prices of Ten Canned Fruits and 15 Canned Vegetables.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson placed ten canned fruits and 15 canned vegetables under emergency price ceilings today, to halt price increases which he said would lead to profiteering and probably "accentuate hysteria."

The temporary 60-day ceiling, effective Monday, will freeze prices of the products at highest levels prevailing between February 23 and February 27.

Only canners and wholesalers are affected but Henderson declared that retail prices also would be frozen if necessary.

Canned fruits covered by the order are apples, apple sauce, apricots, cherries, fruit cocktail, fruit salad, peaches, pears, pineapple and plums.

Canned vegetables involved are all dried beans, lima beans, snap beans, pumpkins, sauer kraut, spinach, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, tomato catsup and tomato juice.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP IS REPORTED SUNK

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The newspaper Nation reported today that two submarines had sunk the 4,915-ton British steamship MacGregor in the Caribbean, 15 miles off the northern Dominican coast.

The Dominican coast guard was said to have picked up 30 survivors. One crewman was lost.

Blackout Rule Extended

Washington, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Preparations against axis spring raids by sea or air were tightened today with a call for all-night, every night partial blackouts in a defense zone reaching 300 miles inland from all United States coasts.

In collaboration with military officials, James M. Landis, director of the OGD, asked immediate blackouts of all lights in "critical" areas which "are not capable of being put out at a moment's notice" in case of attack.

The requested blackout applies not only to strictly coastal communities but to the so-called "target area" which extends inland 200 miles from the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Coasts.

Unofficially it was stated that the policy would result in the extinguishment of a great many, if not most, of the advertising signs and store window lights in the area since in most cases they are not controlled from central switches, and hence could not be dimmed quickly.

Asked how the policy would affect the famous lights of New York's White Way, for example, one source said that while it would not exactly be dark, it might seem like "the bottom of the Holland Tunnel."

LIGHT CRUISER LAUNCHED TODAY

Boston, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Months ahead of schedule, the new \$12,000,000 light cruiser San Juan, one of the fastest and most heavily armed ships of its type ever launched, was commissioned today at the Boston Naval drydocks.

The cruiser, launched last September, was the first United States naval craft named for the Puerto Rican capital.

Secret Bases Near Coasts Are Reported

Washington, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Reports that Japan and Germany are using air and supply bases close to the American continent reached the Dies committee today following its action that the west coast and Panama Canal "are still in the greatest peril" from Japanese attack.

Location of the secret outposts was not disclosed but informed sources said they were strategically placed either for direct action against the Americas or for disrupting vital supply routes.

Committee members, after making public a report summarizing its evidence of Japanese espionage in California, Hawaii and the Canal Zone, called on government agencies to intensify their campaign against the Japanese.

STRICKLANDS LOSE FAMOUS OIL SUIT

Houston, Tex., Feb. 28.—(AP)—The famous Strickland oil case ended yesterday with a verdict for the defendants.

A federal court jury held that the hundreds of plaintiffs were not as they claimed, the heirs of the Wilson Strickland to whom the state allocated land in the Conroe area in 1838. A rich oil field was discovered on the property years ago.

Defendants were the Humble Oil and Refining Co., Mon-Sho Oil Co., Tidewater Associated Oil Co. and several other royalty and fee owners in the Conroe field.

The trial was the second bid the Strickland heirs had made for the oil fortune. The first trial was in the state court at Conroe and lasted nearly a year.

Explanation Demanded

Washington, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A brief explanation by Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of War Stimson of the air raid alarm on the California coast this week was demanded today by Representative Hinshaw, Republican, California.

He told the House that four people died as a result of the alarm and that considerable confusion existed because of contradictory statements from Knox and Stimson on whether hostile planes were in the vicinity.

British 'Chutists Raid French Coast

Nazi Radio Detector Attacked

In First Such Exploit by Britain's Expanded Parachute Force, Troops Withdraw After Raid Under RAF Protection.

British parachute troops supported by sea-borne infantry were officially credited today with executing a spectacular air and run invasion of the French north coast last night, attacking a key German radio detector station and withdrawing under an umbrella of RAF planes with naval assistance.

A joint communique issued by the British admiralty, war office and air ministry said RAF bombers dropped the air troops in what was termed the first such exploit by Britain's newly expanded parachute force.

Earlier raids on Norway and the German-held channel coast had been carried out by detachments of the famous Commandos.

"The task was finished according to schedule," the British communique said.

"The parachute troops were supported in the latter part by infantry and are being brought back by the royal navy."

A German communique said the sky troops raided a "weak coastal defense position" and "withdrew two hours later by sea under German counter measures."

On the Soviet front, dispatches said Red army gunners and fliers were launching repeated attempts to land air-borne troops and supplies to the 95,000 Germans caught in the Russian encirclement.

Russian military quarters said the steel jaws of the trap were steadily tightening and the Germans stood a choice of surrender or death in the frozen marshes 140 miles below Leningrad.

A bulletin from Hitler's headquarters acknowledged that the Russians were attacking in heavy force in front of Sevastopol and in the Kerch peninsula.

Nazis Demand 'Aryan' Blood

Moscow, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A captured German army physician was quoted by Russian sources today as saying that "senescent" insistence on "Aryan" blood in transfusions for wounded soldiers had complicated German surgical care on the Russian front.

"Senseless race theories" he was quoted, cause both officers and soldiers to insist on getting "pure" blood and as a result the transfusion supply is becoming more and more scarce.

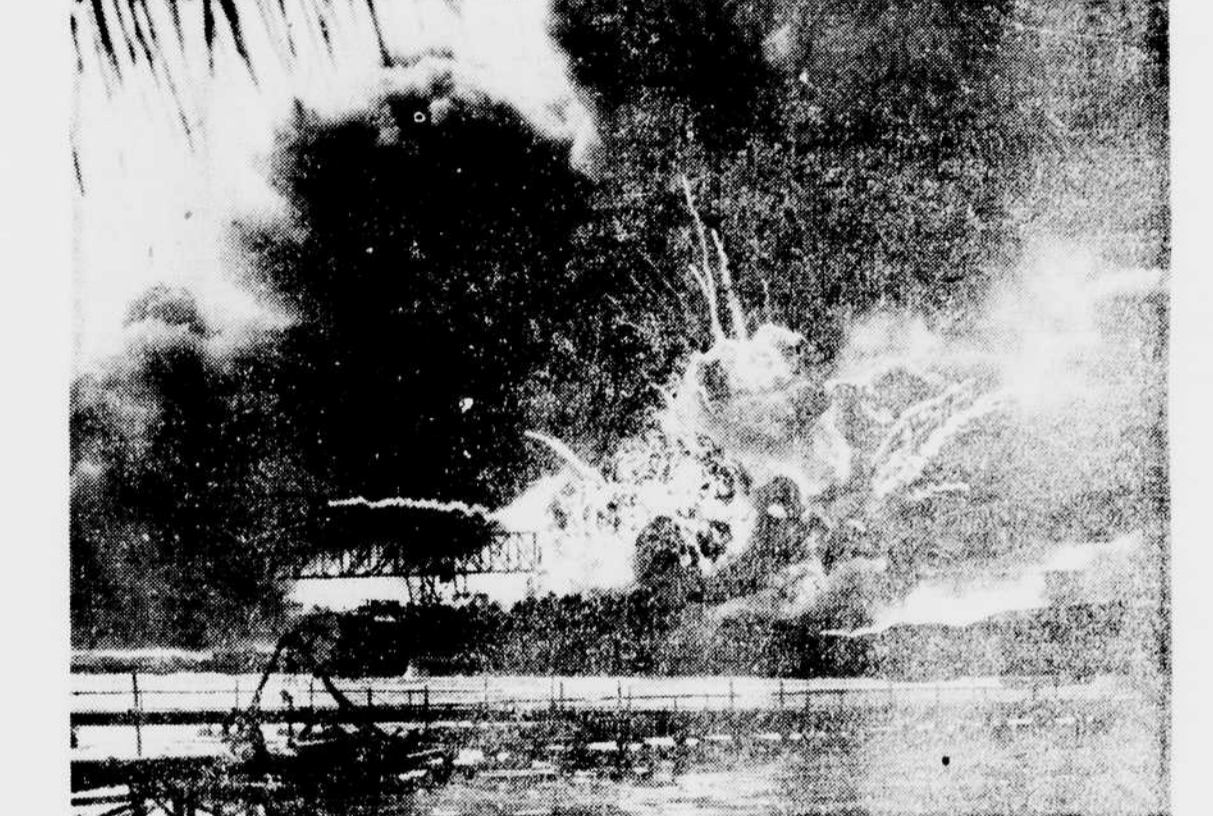
Out of the original 600 men in his battalion he said only about 200 were left and most of them were suffering from frostbite. He said the German command regards a soldier as not sick as long as he can move.

BLACK MARKETEERS FACE HARSH TERMS

London, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Lord Woolton, British food minister, advocated whipping and severe prison terms for black marketeers today as a campaign against illicit traffic in rationed food and clothes got under way.

He met with Hugh Dalton, president of the board of trade, and Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, to plan a three department offensive.

A Bomb Strikes Home—But the Shaw Lived On!



This spectacular photo was made as the magazine of the U. S. destroyer Shaw exploded as result of a bomb hit by raiding Japanese planes at Pearl Harbor. The Navy censor has backed out a portion of the picture. The Shaw arrived at a West Coast port with an emergency bow and is being repaired. (Central Press)

Japan Looks Westward

Board Strategy of Offensive Believed to Call for Striking Into Indian Ocean.

New York, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Japan's broad strategy apparently called for a westward strike into the Indian Ocean in an effort to cut off the United Nations supply route to the Red sea and Persian gulf, and finally establish a junction with the enemy somewhere in the Middle East.

This ambitious plan, one of the most perilous to the allied nations, was suggested today by the Tokyo foreign office mouthpiece, the Japan Times and Advertiser, which pointed out that Singapore had put Japanese airplanes in a position to prey on U. S. and British shipping en route from the Cape of Good Hope and to destroy the vital Anglo-Soviet plan of material cooperation.

The reference to Russia was curious because Japan is at peace with Russia, although many do not expect the peace to last.

"The situation in the Indian ocean now has undergone a dramatic change," the newspaper said.

"American and British shipping can no longer sail those waters unimpeded."

The immediate cause for a new line of attack westward is the British threat to Java.

Tatekawa Quits Post

Tokyo (From Japanese Broadcast), Feb. 28.—(AP)—Lieutenant General Yoshitsuga Tatekawa, Japanese ambassador to Soviet Russia, has resigned because of ill health, and Naotake Sato, present ambassador of the foreign office, has been appointed to succeed him, Domei said today.

Sato was foreign minister in 1937 and has served as ambassador to Belgium and France. More recently he was ambassador plenipotentiary and president of the Japanese economic mission sent to Italy in 1940.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Continued cold tonight, with slightly lower temperatures in mountains and north central portion.

KIMMEL, SHORT COURT MARTIAL TRIAL ORDERED

AUSTRALIAN NORTH TERRITORY PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Canberra, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Military rule for the whole northern territory of Australia was proclaimed today by Army Minister Francis Ford.

Such measures had applied until now only in the extreme northern area centering on the naval port of Darwin.

Tell Of Subs Is 41 Ships

Navy Adds Two American Tankers to Total of Ships Sunk in U-Boat Campaign.

New York, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The Navy today announced that it had added two American tankers to the tally of 41 ships sunk by U-boats in the Atlantic ocean.

The two ships were the USS (T-1) and the USS (T-2), both of which were sunk by U-boats in the Atlantic ocean.

SURVIVOR OF SUNKEN SHIP REACHES LAND

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A survivor of the USS (T-1) was reported to have reached land today after being rescued by a fishing boat.

POPE IS ILL

London, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A Vatican broadcast said today the Vatican reported Pope Pius XII was slightly indisposed, adding that there is no cause for anxiety, but doctors have advised his holiness to assume "all strain."

Allied Ships And Planes Score Again

Battle Reported Still Raging, With Japanese Fleet in Full Retreat After Attempt to Invade Java from Sea.

(By The Associated Press) American and allied warships were officially declared to have won a third great victory over the Japanese fleet today, routing back an invading armada of "battleships and ships" in a thunderous battle of the United Nations entered at Java.

Late this afternoon battleships in the battle were reported still raging with the enemy in full retreat northward under the fire of allied ships.

As night fell over the embattled tropics, dispatches from Bandung, the headquarters of General Weyell's United Nations command, said it was believed that the shot-torn enemy armada was reforming somewhere in the Java sea for a second assault.

But while the Dutch were at work on the land outside of the 10-mile day and night battle—which only ended the late of Java and a whole new phase of the Pacific struggle—the Indies command announced:

"At 1 p. m. today (1:30 a. m. EDT), no Japanese landings on Java and other islands were reported. Heavy losses were being suffered on both sides."

United States, Dutch and British warships and submarines, supported by American, Australian and Dutch planes, rushed out to meet the huge Japanese invasion armada yesterday afternoon, as it approached Java's northeast coast.

Other developments included: British submarine hunters sank 2,000 tons of Japanese supplies and 15,000 tons of oil, and a British-held bridgehead on the Sittoung river, but

GERMANS CLAIM FIVE MORE SHIPS

Berlin (From German Broadcast), Feb. 28.—(AP)—The German navy today claimed a day for sinking by U-boats of five more ships, 300 tons in the Atlantic ocean.

The German navy also announced that it had sunk a British merchant ship in the Atlantic ocean.

PATROL ACTIVITY GAINS IN AFRICA

Cairo, Feb. 28.—(AP)—British patrol activity in the Mediterranean sea today gained momentum, with reports of several encounters with U-boats.

The British navy announced that it had sunk a U-boat in the Mediterranean sea.

Sub Combat Ship Launched

New York, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A submarine combat ship, the USS (SS-400), was launched today at Groton, Conn., after a three-week stay at Pearl Harbor and left for the west coast of the United States today under the sponsorship of the wife of a naval hero.

Even as the vessel—the PC-437—was sliding down the ways a crane swung the keelpiece for PC-600, its successor, into position and company spokesmen said they expected it to be ready for launching June 1.

Mrs. John D. Buckley christened the PC-437. She is the wife of the naval lieutenant who on January 7 drove a motor torpedo boat into Binangay bay in the Philippine island of Luzon to torpedo a 5,000-ton Japanese ship.