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Java Appears Doomed To Fall

36,000 Nazis Killed In 18 Days

Signal Flares Seized by FBI



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Sheriff Allison is shown with some of the sixty-nine cases of fireworks, mostly flares, parachute flares and rockets, which were seized at the beach home of a Japanese lieutenant at Santa Cruz, Cal. The FBI reports that one of the flares were of a powerful type.

No Rubber Available For Civilian Tires

Henderson Declares 'Not a Single Pound of Crude Rubber' May be Used for New Tires or Retreads in This Country.

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Leon Henderson, head of the Federal Defense Administration, today declared that "not a single pound of crude rubber" would be available for new tires or retreads on the approach of 25,000,000 passenger cars now owned by the ordinary citizens in this country.

The director of civilian supplies, who is a non-protectionist, said he had notified that this was the "most significant single step" in a series of measures to conserve rubber. He said that the rubber situation which he would discuss later before the Senate investigating group.

Henderson said that present calculations of supplies for the United States "did not allow a single pound of rubber either for new tires or retreads for any of the 25,000,000 motor passenger cars in this country."

Vichy Envoy States Views

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Francis B. Saypol, deputy secretary of state, today told how he felt about the British bombing of Paris during which, he said, 500 homes were destroyed and about 1,000 Frenchmen were dead or injured.

"I told him my feelings about it," Henry-Hays said to reporters, "of whom he previously had expressed deep sorrow and regret."

He said he had pointed out that the civilian population of Paris and vicinity had no means of defending itself against air raids since their country's defeat.

VANCE COUNTY MAN IS FOUND GUILTY OF KIDNAP ATTEMPT

Jackoville, March 5.—(AP)—Roland McDaniel of Henderson route 1, former employee at the Marine base near here, was convicted in superior court here today of charges of attempting to kidnap James H. Hinton, four, on the night of January 24.

Planes Raid Jap Island

Minamitori Shima Attacked by 30 Planes, Japs Report; Identity Not Given.

Tokyo, (From Japanese Broadcasts), March 5.—(AP)—Imperial headquarters announced today that 30 enemy planes had attacked Minamitori Shima, a Japanese island about 1200 miles southwest of Tokyo, killing eight persons and setting a building afire.

Japanese fighters engaged the enemy, but down seven of them and drove the remainder off, a communiqué said. The announcement did not give their nationality.

Tokyo, meanwhile, had its first air plane of the war when planes—at first unidentified—were sighted off the east coast of Japan early today.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Light to moderate rain tonight and early Friday; no decided change in temperature, but slight falling tendency.

Reds Report Bloody Gain At Staraya

Nazi Prisoners Report Being Without Food for Six Days; 24,900 Germans Declared Isolated in Attack on Orel.

(By The Associated Press) Soviet report from dispirited dispatches a series of grim and bloody reverses for Adolf Hitler's outer command today, declaring that the Russians had killed 36,000 nazis in the 18-day old battle of Staraya Russa and were now "destroying the remnants" of the trapped invaders.

24 prisoners captured in the Staraya Russa sector, where the 16th German army of 26,000 troops has been encircled, were quoted as saying they had gone without food for six days.

A force of 24,900 Germans was likewise declared in Staraya Russa to have been isolated by Red army attacks against Orel, a rail-head railroad center 200 miles below Moscow, but a Russian demand for surrender was rejected by the garrison commander.

In both the Orel and Staraya Russa areas the invaders were said to have been cut off from all reinforcements and supplies save those ferried in by transport planes and Russian ground gunners and pilots, who claimed a mounting toll of these.

Reserve planes from Yugoslavia and Denmark were said to have been speared to the Staraya Russa front, London accounts said 200 had been destroyed over that area in one three-day period.

The Russian government announced (Continued on Page Seven)

U. S. Vessel Sunk By Japs

Tokyo.—(From Japanese Broadcasts) March 5.—(AP)—Imperial headquarters reported today that the United States patrol vessel Ashcroft, 1,270 tons, two days ago, it said, was sunk by a Japanese plane south of the island of Java and was carried out without loss to the Japanese.

On the preceding day, imperial headquarters said, another Japanese naval force in the same general region sank the 995-ton British destroyer Stronghold.

Explosion Kills 16

Burlington, Iowa, Ordnance Plant Building Blown Apart; Blast is Second There.

Burlington, Iowa, March 5.—(AP)—Death toll of an earth-shaking explosion at the Burlington ordnance plant stood unofficially at 16 early today while rescue workers searched the ruins of a TNT melt unit for possibly other victims.

More than 30 injured are in hospitals here.

The blast blew apart the three-story brick, steel and concrete building on production line three of the shell loading plant shortly before midnight last night.

Held for 'Idle Talk'



Joe E. Barton, 21, of Ft. Jones, Cal., employee of a Pacific coast defense plant, has been arrested in San Francisco charged with talking in detail about ship movements. Authorities are arresting civilians and service men who disclose secret naval information in bars, restaurants and other public places.

Churchill May Go Out

British Political Source Says Sir Stafford Cripps to Become Prime Minister.

By DEW MIDDLETON. London, March 5.—(AP)—An extremely reliable and well-informed political source, commenting on the failure of recent cabinet changes to quiet public and parliamentary criticism of the government, said today there was every likelihood that Sir Stafford Cripps would replace Winston Churchill as Britain's prime minister.

The source, who is a "reliable" one, said that Sir Churchill, who has been in office since the outbreak of the war, is "not a very popular figure" and that his "popularity" is "not very high."

Mr. Cripps, on the other hand, has been in office since the outbreak of the war, and is "a very popular figure" and that his "popularity" is "very high."

DOCTORS TESTIFY IN ELLIS TRIAL

Springfield, March 5.—(AP)—Two doctors testified in James H. Ellis' appeal court today that they did not believe Joseph J. Brown, Jr., 23, N. E. J. youth, was the slayer of Mrs. Bessie Brown, who died of a heart attack at the time of the slaying.

The witnesses were Dr. Watson Whitson of Springfield and Dr. E. W. Booker of Selma. Booker is the Johnston county coroner.

J. V. Peterson, Springfield physician, testified yesterday that Ellis had told him he took three morphine tablets just before he beat Mrs. Brown to death with a hammer.

Eabson Says Religion, Rather Than Regulation, Is Needed

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Eabson, secretary of the National Farm Production Council, today said that "regulation" is not the answer to the problem of farm production.

Thousands Of Japanese Are Drowned

General MacArthur Reports Sinking of Three Large Transports in Surprise Air Raid on Invaders in Subic Bay.

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur reported to the War department today his belief that thousands of Japanese soldiers were drowned in the surprise raid of his light air force on Subic bay north of the Bataan peninsula lighting in the Philippines.

General MacArthur reported that three large transports were sunk in the surprise air raid on Subic bay north of the Bataan peninsula lighting in the Philippines.

The surprise air raid also sank a large enemy plane and damaged several other planes on the ground without causing damage.

Gas Rationing Believed Near

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Petroleum Administrator Egan, said today he expected to know by the weekend whether the oil industry believed gasoline rationing would be necessary and he added that he "very likely" would follow the industry's recommendations.

Also, he said, a decision is due soon on an industry recommendation to raise a gasoline tax to 7¢ a gallon by July 1, 1942.

WOMAN STRANGLED IN HOTEL SUITE

New York, March 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Marion Booth, 32, wife of a Jersey City, N. J., weekly manufacturer, was found strangled today in a suite at the Hotel Sutton on West 42nd street.

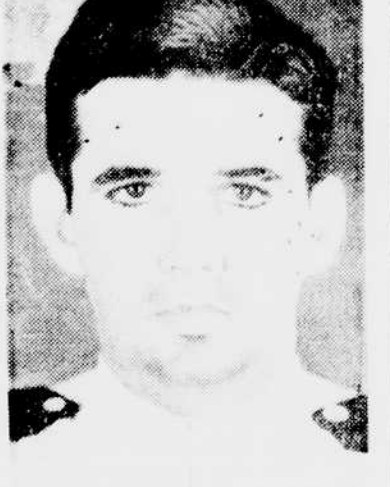
She was fully clothed, her hair and feet bound with telephone line.

Her suite had been occupied since February 24 by a couple who registered as Mr. and Mrs. Ted Leopold of New York City.

Burley Quotas Not Increased

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Despite pleas of growers for an increase, the Agriculture department announced today that a 1942 burley tobacco planting allotment of 382,000 acres would remain unchanged.

Pacific War Hero



The nation's latest hero is Lieut. Edward H. O'Hare, who alone accounted for six of the eighteen Japanese bombers which attacked a U. S. aircraft carrier and other warships in the Pacific. Sixteen of the enemy craft were reported shot down. Lieut. O'Hare is from St. Louis, Mo.

Soldier Pay Bill Favored

Senator Reynolds Backs Proposal to Increase Pay for Nation's Fighting Men.

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—A proposal to increase pay of the nation's fighting forces won enthusiastic support today from Chairman Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, of the Senate military committee who said he would convene the committee tomorrow to consider it.

"I am for it," he declared, adding that if he obtained committee approval he would ask for immediate consideration of the legislation in the Senate.

"If we can afford to finance all the armies of the world," Reynolds said, "I want to give our own boys what they should have."

The legislation was approved yesterday by a subcommittee, headed by Senator Johnson, Democrat, Colorado, who introduced the bill.

BROUGHTON PAROLES CONVICT FOR ARMY

Raleigh, March 5.—(AP)—Governor Broughton has granted a parole to a State prisoner so that he can be drafted into the Army. Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill announced today.

BRITAIN EXPANDS SERVICE LISTINGS

London, March 5.—(AP)—Britain accelerated her mobilization of manpower and womanpower for total war today by extending service restrictions for both men and women.

Men 14 to 45, inclusive, were made liable to military service while restriction of women's work was broadened to take in girls of 16 and 17, who will be listed for training.

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that "material" air reinforcements had been sent to Java in the last week.

Bandoeng And Batavia Threatened

Japanese Invasion Hordes Capture at Least Six Key Towns; Fierce Battles Rage All Over Island; Japs Advance in Burma.

Bandoeng, Java, Friday, March 5.—(AP)—Holding out the hope that "at any moment the attack on the enemy will be launched from another side" by the allies, the lieutenant governor of the Dutch East Indies urged Java's inhabitants to continue their stout resistance to the Japanese in an address last night before the people's council.

Speaking at a historic session of the council, Dr. Hubertus J. van Mook told the population to emulate General MacArthur's stand in the Philippines and concentrate on defense of "certain areas where nature gives us the opportunity to resist the superior forces."

Java appeared doomed to conquest today as Japan's invasion hordes captured at least six key towns, imminently threatened both the old capital, Batavia, and the allied headquarters at Bandoeng and bombed the last possible harbor at which United Nations reinforcements might debark.

Starkly summarizing the crisis, a bulletin from Dutch headquarters acknowledged that the enemy was "advancing continually" with fierce battles now raging "all over the island."

The communiqué said Rising Sun bombers were also attempting to knock out the port of Tjilatjap, on the Java south coast, to prevent either reinforcement or escape of the island's defenders.

Official reports placed the enemy within ten miles of Batavia, which the government had already left, and within 25 miles of the new government seat at Bandoeng.

The communiqué said the Japanese had material superiority both on the ground and in the air, and that a regular front no longer existed because of Japanese infiltration tactics.

While the Dutch made no mention of a new landing, British military quarters said Japanese reinforcements had landed on the west coast, presumably in a thrust toward Bandoeng.

U. S. Planes Reach Java

Stimson Says 'Material' Reinforcements Have Arrived Within Past Week.

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that "material" air reinforcements had been sent to Java in the last week.

He told his press conference that the shift of General Sir Archibald Wavell from the southwest Pacific command had just altered in any way the American or British attitude of "intense support to the Dutch in the present battle."

"Not only has that support not been diminished by withdrawals, but in the past week we have increased our air support materially," he said.

Stimson withheld details of the reinforcements, and also was guarded in comment on the air force which General Douglas MacArthur employed to inflict heavy losses on the Japanese in a surprise raid on Subic bay in the Philippines.

Stimson, smiling broadly over the unexpected coup, told the reporters the news from MacArthur was merely that the attack was made "by air."