

## Surrender Refusal Amazing To Japs

### Term British Refusal To Give Up 'Inhuman'

Feb. 13.—(UP)—(Officially recorded by United Press in New York and London)—Japanese observers were amazed by the "inhuman sense of duty" British commanders have displayed in refusing Japanese demands to surrender Singapore, the Domei news agency said today.

in desperate street fighting. A later dispatch from the Singapore front said Japanese forces were pushing the British steadily to the south and east. One unit advanced from Bukit Timah, highest point on the island, to a mile-and-a-quarter east of the race course, it was said.

A second unit was said to have occupied a position two miles and a half south of Bukit Timah, and a third unit advancing from the north, pierced the jungle area south of the water reservoir.

Heavy fighting was going on in the center of the island, Domei said, with attackers and defenders mixing it up furiously. Japanese units which penetrated a corner of the city Wednesday morning were moving steadily toward the dock area yesterday afternoon in an effort to cut off British forces before they could reach evacuation boats waiting far out in the water for them, the agency said.

Other reports said Japanese

troops were pouring into the city from all directions and the population had taken to shelters and basements.

## JAPS RENEW

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down by constant pressure.

### Attack in Relays

Washington, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Japan's commander-in-chief in the Philippines has resorted to a new strategy of "attacks in relays" on Bataan peninsula after failing to overwhelm Gen. Douglas MacArthur's men in frontal assaults, it was reported today.

Military officials said the invaders, by sheer numerical superiority and relays of fresh troops, evidently hope to soften up the weary and outnumbered defenders preparatory to a final grand assault aimed at knocking them off the island of Luzon.

The Japanese commander, Lieut. Gen. Masaharu Homma, was said to have abandoned at least temporarily his costly tactics of hurling his full weight against the American and Filipino troops as he was doing 10 days ago.

Instead contingents of Japanese troops are kept in the fighting lines only about 48 hours, and then are withdrawn to the rear before they are exhausted while other combat troops move up to take their places.

MacArthur's forces, estimated at no more than 20,000 against more than 200,000 Japanese, must face these constantly fresh troops from the "fox holes" and jungle growth of Bataan where they have fought doggedly for 67 days—knowing all the time that there was only the faintest hope of reinforcements or evacuation.

The new Japanese tactics, which military observers said may have been impelled by the heavy losses suffered by Homma's crack shock troops at the hands of the Americans and Filipinos, probably explain why the Japanese continue to

## Revival Speaker



Rev. P. B. Turner, Indianapolis evangelist, will speak at revival services at the Church of God in this city each evening at 7:30 o'clock, beginning Sunday. He will also speak at the Sunday morning service.

four reinforcements into Luzon although they already outnumber the defenders 10 to one or more.

Although every contingent of Japanese reinforcements landed from transports in Lingayen gulf of Subic bay above the Bataan battlefield brings nearer the hour of supreme test for the men of MacArthur, war department officials believed the Japanese also were aggravating their own position.

The greater the number of Japanese forces in the Philippines the greater the problem of food supplies—already acute, according to a report from MacArthur yesterday—even though the Japanese soldier exists and fights on an amazingly small amount of rice and fish.

## Thirty Youths Pass Army Examinations

Thirty of the 16 youths who went to Fort Wayne armory yesterday to take final physical examinations successfully passed the test, according to word received today by the Adams county draft board.

These 30 are tentatively placed in class 1-A those eligible for immediate service.

Seven were recommended for class 1-B, those eligible for limited service only, eight were recommended for class 4-F, those unfit for service, and one is to be returned for further examination.

The cases will be acted upon by the local draft board at its next meeting and the classifications finally made. They will be published following that meeting, which will likely be deferred for several days because of the registration next Monday.

## SUCCESSFUL DASH

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tack. Naval quarters admitted shortly before noon (6 a. m. CWT) that the greater part of the German fleet, at least, probably had reached the safety of Emden, just on the other side of the Dutch frontier, or a port on Heligoland bay.

It was disclosed only today that, as a screen to divert and confuse British air and naval forces, a fleet of German bombing planes had made the heaviest daylight attack in many months on the British east coast yesterday as the German warships were approaching the Dover Strait.

When last sighted at dark yesterday the German ships had scattered under the British attack but they were "nearing" Heligoland even then, it was admitted, with probably not more than 150 miles to go.

The sole hope of catching them lay in the possibility that some ferocity of British planes, warships had been so badly damaged by the and coastal guns that their speed had been materially reduced.

The British attacked with everything they had, including Canadian air force planes which flew into the deadliest area of the battle. But the communique of the admiralty and air ministry claimed only probably and possible hits by gun fire, torpedoes and aerial bombs and the British lost 42 planes against 18 which, it was said, the Germans lost.

The independent conservative Evening News opened the attack on Churchill, the most vigorous press criticism of his prime ministry.

"There is no use in Mr. Churchill standing up, half defiantly and half in a white sheet borrowed from Lord Baldwin (a former 'muddle through' premier) and saying, 'I am the man to blame' and doing nothing to improve machinery or methods."

Reviewing bitterly an "endless chain" of British disasters, the Evening News attacked the government and the chiefs of the fighting services.

"No doubt we shall get the usual soothing explanations," it said. "It will be urged on us that although

## Seek Repealer Of Congress Pensions

### Bitter Debate In Senate Over Bill

Washington, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Senate administration leaders today opened a drive to repeal the pensions-for-congress feature of the recent federal retirement law after bitter debate in which one member accused another of seeking to "smear congress."

A statement by senate Democratic leader Alben Barkley of Kentucky, condemning the pensions for elective officers as "unwise, untimely, and unfortunate" touched off general debate in the chamber.

Barkley announced he would vote for repeal as provided in a bill now pending by Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D., Va. He said that if the measure were delayed in committee he would seek to attach a repeal rider to the first appropriation bill considered by the senate.

The "smear" charge was leveled at Byrd by Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney, D., Wyoming, who said the impression has gone out to the country that members of congress were voting themselves immediate \$4,000 a year pensions.

Byrd had interrupted to tell him that any member who has served five years and is 55 years old may retire January 1, 1943 by the payment of five per cent of one day's pay or \$1.35, O'Mahoney shouted:

"I think the senator is endeavoring to smear the members of congress."

"I've never seared the members of congress," Byrd shot back. "I resent that. I'm telling the truth about this bill and I'm going to continue telling the truth."

The verbal row was quieted temporarily by Sen. Scott Lucas, D., Ill., who had the floor. O'Mahoney explained that his only desire was "to make it clear to the country that all members of the senate and house are not entitled to \$4,000 pensions" as estimated in numerous editorials he had seen.

## DEVASTATING BLOW

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Japanese navy and its supplementary forces was such that it went far toward gaining revenge for Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. By a coincidence the same number of Japanese aircraft were destroyed at Pearl Harbor and in the Marshall-Gilbert raid—41.

Planes operating from aircraft carriers, fanning out over the islands to unloose their bombs, apparently were responsible for most of the damage done.

Secretary of navy Frank Knox reported the American losses in

we are 'taking it' we shall do a lot better in 1943 and really magnificently in 1944. But miscalculations have piled up too mountainously to be dismissed with a flourish of words."

Well informed quarters reported today that the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen left Brest, where they had sheltered, Wednesday night, and reached the southwest English coast, approximately at Exmouth, at 8 a. m. yesterday.

They had waited for weeks for bad weather which would cover them, and it was not until 11 a. m. that British reconnaissance planes cited them, west of the 20-mile Dover Strait and 330 miles from Heligoland.

Naval experts were divided in opinion whether the German fleet chose its course past the English coast because the three big ships had been damaged by bombs at Brest or in sheer audacity.

"It might just have been German cheek, which has worked so well in the past," one commentator said.

## Australia's "Burma Road" Begins Here



View of army camp at Alice Springs, Australia

Australia's own important "Burma Road," the new four-lane defense highway from the barren interior to northern ports, begins at Alice Springs, virtually in the center of the continent. Sinews of war from the industrial south are transported over this highway which terminates at Birdum, where a railroad line runs directly to the port of Darwin, site of a naval base. The picture shows an Australian army camp at Alice Springs. Australia soon may become the center of the Allied war effort in the southwest Pacific, according to some reports.

the Pearl Harbor attack as one battleship, three destroyers, a target ship and a mine layer. The battleship Oklahoma capsized but its condition was such that it could be righted and repaired. Knox said intensive damage was done to the army's land-based planes and "some damage" was done to hangars.

The death toll of American soldiers and sailors at Pearl Harbor was around 3,000. The navy did not estimate the Japanese loss of life in the Marshall and Gilbert raids.

In addition to the aircraft carrier, the navy's retaliatory action at the Marshall islands cost Japan a light cruiser, a destroyer, three large fleet tankers, two submarines, five cargo vessels, three smaller ships, and other ships seriously damaged. The Japanese also lost two large seaplanes, 11 fighter planes, 11 scout bombers and 19 other bombers.

The attack on Makin island in the former British-controlled Gilbert group cost the Japanese three patrol planes. An auxiliary vessel also was damaged at Makin.

## Mrs. Harry Sipe Funeral Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Harry Sipe will be held Saturday afternoon instead of today, as erroneously announced Thursday. Services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Saturday at the home, in Jefferson township and at 2 o'clock at the Bethel U. B. church. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery.

## Pleasant Mills Man Is Denied Parole

Among the parole pleas denied today by the state clemency commission at Indianapolis from prison and reformatory inmates was that of Donald Byer, of Pleasant Mills, who was sentenced from here early last year on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

Byer was one of four arrested by Sheriff Ed Miller, Deputy Leo Gillig and state police in a robbery gang cleanup. Connected with a series of thefts, they were specifically charged with stealing wire fencing at Willsboro and Pleasant Mills. Clifford Burkhardt was also arrested here. Jack Eastham at

## FRIDAY, THE 13th

Up to a late hour today the non-believers were "having their day" as they chided the more superstitious about the fear of Friday the Thirteenth. "See," they said, "the day's more than half gone and no major catastrophe has been reported."

But then, was the retort, the day isn't over until midnight to-night—and anything can happen in the meantime—so to be on the safe side, stay away from black cats, don't walk under ladders, don't look for the moon over your left shoulder, be careful not to spill any salt from the shaker at the supper table, and so on.

Remember, too, there is a Friday the Thirteenth coming up next month.

Celina, Ohio, and James Everett at Van Wert, Ohio. Everett and Burkhardt were charged with stealing, Eastham and Byer with receiving stolen goods. Byers was given a one to 10-year sentence.

## Pleas Not Guilty To Desertion Charge

Merrel Burley, of Berne, was released from custody late yesterday after filing \$300 bond, as set by Judge J. Fred Fruchte after Burley entered a not guilty plea to charges of non-support and wife and child desertion. He was arrested on the charge by Sheriff Ed Miller.

## Monthly Pickup Of Paper Next Week

Maps and data necessary for the efficient collection of waste paper are in the hands of the district counselors who are preparing for the monthly pickup Feb. 16 to 21. It is hoped that the plans being made will eliminate some of the difficulties encountered in the initial drive and a more thorough collection should result. Outstanding collections during the initial drive were made by the groups under the leadership of Richard Gerig of the Legion troop, Jerry Lichtensteiger of the Legion troop, and Bob Meyers of the

Rotary troop. If anyone should be missed during the collection next week they are requested to get in touch with the nearest Scout. Approximately 12 tons of waste paper has been collected to date.

## Two Application Blanks Received For New Car Rationing

Two application blanks for issuing new automobiles to those who purchased the cars prior to January 1, were received today by Glen Hill, county chairman of the tire and auto rationing board.

At noon today no one had called to apply for a car. Mr. Hill expected additional applications in a few days. Those who contracted for new cars last December or previous to the first of the year, can now file their application and if the dealer has them in stock, delivery can be made.

## One Decatur School Pupil To Register, And He's Enlisted

A checkup today revealed that only one Decatur high school boy will have to register for selective service Monday—and he can laugh at the idea of being drafted, because he has already joined the air corps of the United States army.

The youth is Vann Liniger, son of county commissioner and Mrs. Frank Liniger, and a senior at Decatur junior-senior high school. Vann, who mixed a year or two of work with his high schooleducation, is the only boy in that institution 20 years of age or over. But Vann has already passed his physical and aptitude tests and is on call any day for service as an air cadet. Vann, a football star at the school, reportedly passed the rigid air cadet tests with flying colors.

There are no boys at Decatur Catholic high school over 19 years of age, a check with school officials there revealed.

Deaths in the United States from leprosy more than doubled during 1940, rising from 20 the previous year to 43, according to Census records.

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Head Lettuce, Celery, Carrots,

Old Cabbage, Bananas, Lemons,

California Oranges doz. 20c

5 lb. bag Apples 23c

Corn Flakes 3 large boxes 25c

Kraft Dinner 2 for 19c

Choc. Animal Crackers bag 23c

Twin Loaves Bread 2 for 15c

46 oz. Tomato Juice 23c

Poultry — Eggs — Fish

FRESH SHOULDER

BONES 3 lbs. 20c

FRESH HAMBURG, lb. 17c

TENDER

CLUB STEAK, lb. 27c

FRESH PURE PORK

SAUSAGE, lb. 20c

CHOICE CUTS

CHUCK ROAST, lb. 27c

ROUND BONE

SWISS STEAK, lb. 29c

BEEF BOIL, lb. 15c

PORK LIVER, lb. 18c

BULK

SAUERKRAUT lb. 5c

BULK

MINCE MEAT lb. 15c

SMOKED

PICNIC HAMS lb. 26c

Quart Dill Pickles, sliced 25c

Old Fashioned Amsterdam

Cookies 19c lb

Fancy Blue Rose Rice 2 lbs. 19c

Pint Whipped Salad Dressing 15c

Pint Whipped Sandwich Spread 15c

Pure Egg Noodles lb. 15c

VanCamp's Pork & Beans 2 for 19c

VanCamp's Kidney Beans 2 for 19c

VanCamp's Red Beans 2 for 19c

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VanCamp's Spaghetti 2 for 19c

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