

Battleship Alabama Launched Today**Knox Says 'War Era' in Production Now**

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16. — (UP) — Secretary of navy Frank Knox said today that the United States has passed into the "war era" in the production of supplies and ships which, in the end, will bring victory.

Speaking at the launching in the Norfolk navy yard of the 35,000-ton battleship Alabama—fourth of a class of the most powerful warships afloat—Knox said the navy is operating over three-fourths of the globe.

"Today we know beyond a doubt that the burden upon our navy is the greatest it has ever had to bear," he said. "We must protect our shores and our coastal commerce.

"We must protect those strategic areas vital to our defense—Hawaii, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean and our good neighbors to the northward.

"We must protect the flow of supplies to Great Britain . . . we must check as best we can the surging flood of Japanese aggression in the Antipodes, until we can muster our forces to send it hurtling back to whence it came."

All these activities, Knox said, demand that the United States, as rapidly as possible gain control of the seas, not merely the surface, but the waters below and the air above.

"In some ways the launching of the Alabama here today marks the end of an era in our naval building program: the defense era," he said. "For the Alabama is the sixth battleship to be launched under the program and the last of a class of four which includes the Massachusetts, Indiana and South Dakota.

When the \$80,000,000 Alabama and preceding new ships of her class are completed the navy will have 19 battleships, the greatest battle force in the world. Excluded from that figure are the Arizona which was destroyed at Pearl Harbor and the Oklahoma which capsized there and is temporarily out of commission. Eleven more battleships of still heavier classes are in the published two-ocean fleet program under contract.

The Alabama is 680 feet long, with a beam of 108 feet, 2 inches, and a draft of 34 feet. It has a designed speed in excess of 27 knots and will carry a main battery of nine 16-inch guns mounted in three turrets, as well as the most modern anti-aircraft and secondary broadside guns.

Its tremendous firepower and modern design will more than off-

Jap Naval Base Goes Up in Smoke

A great pall of smoke hangs over Wotje island, Japanese naval base and one of the main targets in the successful American attack on the Gilbert and Marshall islands. The white streaks seen at the water's edge are flames consuming oil tanks, storage houses and shops. The Wotje island base and four vessels found in the harbor were destroyed. This is a News of the Day Newsreel photo.

set the loss of the battleship Arizona, a comparatively old craft.

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sary and proper to carry these powers into execution."

"It's power to draft business organizations to support the fighting men who risk their lives can be no less," it added.

But if any such action is to be taken, it is up to congress to do it, the court said.

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the Philippine mainland.

MacArthur's reports to the war department during the past week have carried a repeated warning that the all-out Japanese offensive to drive his men from Luzon island may start at any moment.

MacArthur has held out on Bataan peninsula now for 38 days, compared with the Japanese one-week siege of Singapore, and still has not fallen back upon his own "Singapore"—the fortress of Corregidor off the tip of Bataan in Manila Bay.

In the battling of the last five weeks he appears to have held the Japanese to an advance of about 15 miles southward of the Olongapo-Hermosa line to which his men fell back on Jan. 9 after the fall of Manila.

A war department communiqué Sunday said that fighting along the Bataan battlefield had been "limited to local, unimportant patrol skirmishes" with the Japanese evidently feeling out MacArthur's lines in an effort to find a soft spot or a springboard for their offensive.

"Forces of the enemy evidently are being regrouped for a resumption of the offensive," the communiqué said.

"Japanese units on the front line which had suffered heavy casualties are being relieved by fresh troops."

Week-end war department communiques already had reported

Oppose Elimination Of School Vacation**Parents, Teachers Oppose Proposals**

Indianapolis, Feb. 16. — (UP) — Parents and teachers were aligned today in opposition to wartime proposals to concentrate the public school program by eliminating vacations and shortening the training period of children.

The Indiana state teachers association and the Indiana congress of parents and teachers, in a joint statement, said "the lengthening of the school day or week and the elimination of proper vacation periods for the purpose of intensifying and shortening the training period of the child must be looked upon as a definite hazard to health."

The statement said child labor on farms and industry should be only an emergency measure, and recommended adjustments on an individual basis.

Blanket dismissals of pupils for such purposes (labor) seem wholly indefensible," the statement asserted.

"It is imperative that children . . . be protected from emotional pressure of war."

Other planks adopted included school cooperation with civilian defense, revision of physical education programs, training of defense workers, cooperation in defense bond and stamp sales, re-education of educational standards, adjustment of teachers' salaries to meet living costs.

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he exhausted before the new registrants will be called.

The lottery next month will determine the order in which the new 1-A men are inducted. The rate of deferments undoubtedly will be high in the 36 to 44 age brackets because of dependents and physical impairments, but a

country "in the guise of innocent persons seeking refuge here."

Blackout Cigar

Frank Loey

Hawaii's director of civilian defense, Frank Loey, above, demonstrates his specially-constructed blackout cigar holder. The copper-lined bakelite case hides the lighted cigar from enemy planes.

CHILE PRESIDENT

Juan Antonio Rios Morales
Chile's new president, Juan Antonio Rios Morales, is shown as he voted in the Feb. 1 elections in Santiago. Morales, candidate of the National Democratic Front, defeated General Carlos Ibanez Del Campo by 55,000 votes.

'The Wealth of the Indies'

Late reports from the East Indies indicate the Dutch are carrying out widespread "scorched earth" tactics to frustrate Jap drive for raw materials. If the Japs can take over the Indies without serious impairment of these resources by the defenders they will have the wherewithal for a war covering many years. Java is the richest of these islands, but all the others in the group are likewise rich in food to feed war machines. Map shows the riches on each of these islands for which the Japs are racing—in an effort to get there before Allied reinforcements can halt their drive to gobble up all of southern Asia. Increased Jap air activity over Sumatra, oil of Palembang, is reported.

high percentage of the estimated 1,800,000 men in the 20-21 bracket probably will be called to military service.

Men in the 26-44 age group who do not fall into the 1-A classification, however, will be subject to call on the same selective basis as applies to the younger men.

rate of 200 tons a day.

The cannery season will start August 10. After the three months during which the tomatoes are packed, the factory will be converted to other uses, the manager stated.

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the Gillig & Doan funeral home to the residence Tuesday evening, and may be viewed there after 7 p. m. until time for the services.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL

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A statement released by hospital officials said that slight rate adjustments have been made at the institution due to the rapid rise of maintenance cost and that the hospital has been placed on a self-supporting basis, having satisfactorily met all obligations.

Construction is to start within 30 days on an 11-acre plot at the south edge of the town. The building, to be constructed of concrete, tile and steel, will occupy 13,000 square feet of floor space and will be equipped to handle 700 acres of tomatoes at a capacity

It is the desire of the board of directors and the hospital personnel, the statement continued, to

give the same efficient service in the future as in the past regardless of the present economic situation.

Space has been made for a few more beds and the nursery has been enlarged to accommodate 15 babies, the statement concluded.

Father-Son Banquet At Church Tonight

There will be a limited number of tickets for sale at the door to-night for the annual father-son banquet at the First Methodist church, it was announced today. The banquet will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

as helping in the registration of selectees as he and his office personnel had planned.

His duties were taken over by Mrs. Marie Debolt and Miss Dorothy Hoffman of the clerk's office. They for the most part registered voters but at times volunteered to help in drafting signing when the Legion home became swamped with prospective registrants.

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