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American Troops In Dutch Indies To Aid Defense

Ground Troops And Pilots Arrive To Aid Java Defense

Java, Feb. 19.—(UP)—Foreign troops including Americans have been sent to aid in the defense of the island, the Aneta news agency said.

The agency said the Americans are a relatively small body.

The foreign forces have received heavy welcome from the entire population, but authoritative sources said that "their numbers are by no means large enough yet," the agency continued.

These sources said that their arrival serves as an indication that the Netherlands Indies do not fight alone.

American ground troops as well as bomber and fighter pilots are being sent frequently in Java," according to the agency statement.

Americans are often seen in dining rooms of the telephone exchange placing calls to their home.

"Never in the history of the Pacific have so many calls gone out over the wires from a certain East Java town in the last six or seven weeks," the agency continued, indicating the Americans have been in Java for some time.

Japanese bombers renewed attacks on an airfield in western Java today but Dutch defense forces still fought stubbornly in Sumatra to stem the enemy invasion toward this strategic island.

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War Bulletins

Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 19.—(UP)—Loss of the Canadian corvette Spikeland through enemy action was announced today by naval minister Angus Macdonald. All five officers and 52 of the 60 ratings aboard the corvette are missing and must be presumed lost, the naval minister said.

Rangoon, Burma, Feb. 19.—(UP)—British counter attacks against Japan's all out offensive toward the Burma road supply line to China today in a climactic battle still raging on the Bilin river front.

Batavia, Feb. 19.—(UP)—Allied forces have sunk or damaged a total of 182 Japanese ships, including 109 known sunk, up to Feb. 14, a Netherlands Indies summary showed today.

London, Feb. 19.—(UP)—Radio London said today that the Russians are using a new secret weapon.

It is a pump, driven by an electric motor, which squirrels cold water upon the Germans who are quickly covered with ice, in the below-zero weather.

TEMPERATURE READING
DEMOCRAT THERMOMETER

7:00 a. m.	0
8:00 a. m.	0
10:00 a. m.	2
Noon	3
2:00 p. m.	9
3:00 p. m.	65
	16

WEATHER
Rising temperature this afternoon and not quite so cold tonight; occasional snow flurries in extreme north central part this afternoon.

Two Fast Passenger Trains Smash Headon

Lake Worth, Fla., Feb. 19.—(UP)—Two fast passenger trains of the Seaboard Airline railroad—the southbound Orange Blossom special and the northbound Sun Queen, both New York to Miami—crashed head on west of Hypoluxo today and the Diesel engines of both trains burst into flames.

Seaboard officials at Miami said early reports had three dead—engineers of both trains and a baggage man.

British Destroyed Great Naval Base

Base At Singapore Useless To Japan

(By Harold Guard)

Batavia, Feb. 19.—(UP)—Britain's \$400,000,000 naval base at Singapore, British naval officers said today, was blown up before being abandoned to the Japanese.

Demolition of the huge installations on which 15 years of effort had been spent was in progress steadily during the final days of the Singapore campaign.

Vast quantities of supplies and equipment were removed by naval personnel. What could not be removed was destroyed.

This work was well in progress when I last saw the base Feb. 5. Before the area was abandoned Feb. 10, naval officers said, the destruction was virtually complete.

The base itself, located on the north side of the island, was fitted for repair and maintenance of naval vessels. It had no defenses of its own, depending for protection upon the great forts and guns guarding the sea approaches to Singapore.

The only guns at the base were some anti-aircraft installations and some light field artillery, moved up when the Japanese reached the Johore side of the straits.

I do not believe that any of the great 15-inch and 18-inch batteries on which Singapore relied for defense ever went into action. They were pointing the wrong way. The British strategists never thought an attack from the land side was possible.

I never heard any of the big guns fire. Outside of a few guns of larger caliber, the main batteries at Singapore were 25-pounders.

When the British forces withdrew to Singapore island, they blew up the causeway to the Johore shore but caused only a 30-yard break. They knew the Japanese could easily repair this gap but they also knew that the main invasion effort of the Japs would be made at other points along the straits where better cover was available. In this, the British

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Civil Defense Bill Nears Final Action

Provides Fund For Civilian Defense

Washington, Feb. 19.—(UP)—The deficiency appropriation bill which provides \$100,000,000 for the office of civilian defense went to the house and senate today for final action.

A conference committee from the two chambers agreed on a bill stipulating that OCD may use its share only for vital civilian defense equipment, not to pay salaries. The bill also requires senate confirmation of OCD officials receiving \$4,500 a year or more.

Director James Landis of OCD has scheduled a press conference tomorrow at which time he may announce a major reorganization of the agencies. Landis already has made a start towards the reorganization.

The office of inspectors-general, the know-your-government division and the position of associate director of the division of state and the local cooperation were abolished as of March 1.

Japs Increase Attack Against MacArthur's Men

Hammer Incessantly At Far Outnumbered Defensive Forces

Washington, Feb. 19.—(UP)—Strong Japanese forces using flame throwers and supported by a non-stop artillery bombardment are hammering at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's lines in apparent preparation for "a resumption of the offensive" aimed at a knock-out conquest of the Philippines.

Today's war department communique, No. 114 of the war, reported increasing pressure on MacArthur's thinly-held lines on Batan peninsula and reported ominously that the Japanese are regrouping their numerically superior forces for what probably will be their all-out, supreme effort.

MacArthur's right flank anchored in the vicinity of the highway center of Pilar on Manila Bay was said to be under particularly heavy pressure.

For the fourth day the Japanese, using newly-installed batteries and trading tons of steel with MacArthur's guns, laid down a bombardment of the American-Philippine lines.

"Japanese troop movements behind the enemy lines indicate regrouping of forces, preliminary to a resumption of the offensive," the communique said on the basis of reports received from MacArthur up to 9:30 a. m. EWT.

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Red Cross Center Opened At Berne

Production Center Opened Wednesday

Another branch of the Red Cross production center was opened in Berne Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. William Bowers, production chairman of Adams county, announced this morning. Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Dallas Goldner, chairman of the Decatur sewing project, and Mrs. Dick Boch completed arrangements there yesterday.

Splendid enthusiasm was shown by the 42 persons present at the meeting and Mrs. Charles Braun of Berne was appointed sewing chairman of the branch center, with Mrs. O. N. Smith as the co-chairman, while Mrs. Homer Goodin was appointed chairman of the knitting with Miss Dorcas Sprunger as co-chairman.

Garments for sewing were distributed and include hospital pajamas and hospital surgical gowns for both the army and navy. Grover C. Moser, chairman of the town board, and board members have donated the town hall to be used as a center for the work and five Berne factories have volunteered to assist with the cutting of the garments.

They are the Smith furniture factory; Dunbar's; Berne Furniture; Berne Manufacturing, and the Berne Overall company.

The first allotment of goods was cut at the Smith factory, where the power cutting machines were used and 100 garments cut at one time, greatly facilitating the enormous task.

The workers of Berne have selected Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings, both, for work.

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Workman Is Injured Wednesday Afternoon

Mike McMulty, 603 North Second street, is suffering from a probable fracture of the right shoulder, sustained yesterday while working in the construction of the new General Electric plant here.

Sheriff Miller And Deputy In Exchange Of Congratulations

Cigars and handshakes were flying fast and furious at the sheriff's office in the court house today as Sheriff Ed Miller and his deputy, Leo Gillig, "battled for the limelight."

Sheriff Miller started the whole thing when he announced that he was grandpa again, following the birth of a second son to his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Gross, at the local hospital last night.

But Deputy Gillig stole the show from his boss in announcing that Mrs. Gillig gave birth to a son at the institution last night. The deputy's family now embraces six sons and two daughters—"damn near enough Gilligs to whip the Japs by themselves," he declared.

Cal E. Peterson To Head City Defense

Clothier Is Named As City Director

Cal E. Peterson, Decatur clothier, is the city's new city civilian defense director.

Mr. Peterson was named to the post last night by Mayor Forrest Elzey following the resignation of George Thomas from the position. Mr. Thomas submitted his resignation because of business duties in Fort Wayne which would keep him from devoting enough time, he stated.

Mr. Peterson attended last night's city defense council meeting and took over supervision of the defense program already begun.

Members of the city defense council reported various phases of their respective division work. In attendance were: H. Vernon Auer, Bruce Roper, Ed Hurst, Walter J. Krick, Mrs. Arthur R. Holthous, James Borders, Forrest Elzey, Dr. James Burk, Glenn Hill, Lowell Smith, Avon Burk, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Thomas, all of the city civilian defense council; Sheriff Ed Miller, director V. J. Borman and L. E. Archbold of the county defense council.

Ed Hurst, city fire chief, reported that 33 of the 35 men who will form the auxiliary fire committee had been temporarily approved and selected. As soon as the other two are named and finally approved, fire school classes will be started under the direction of Adrian

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Entire Nation May Go On Rationing Of Oil Products

Washington, Feb. 19.—(UP)—Petroleum coordinator Harold Ickes said today "we foresee the possibility of nation wide rationing" of petroleum products if other methods, about which he was "pessimistic" fail to solve shortages on both coasts.

"The whole country ought to share in whatever disabilities there are," Ickes told a press conference. He added, however, that "we aren't yet able to make up our mind" on whether rationing will be necessary. His office is preparing a coupon rationing system with the office of Leon Henderson.

Lenten Meditations

(Rev. Geo. S. Lozier, First Evangelical Church)

CONTENTMENT

"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content."—Phil. 4:11.

Freedom from dissatisfaction, anxiety or agitation is not the common experience of men. Current conditions in the international, national, community or individual life try the souls of men. The awareness of these conditions may cause an irritation and revolt in mind and heart, and tend to create a cynical attitude; or they may create a greater appreciation for God and a deeper trust in Him.

Is there a perennial contentment for man? What is its source? How can it be experienced? And what will be its manifestation?

This contentment is not innate in man. Its source is God, who is eager to share His spirit with those who will live in intimate fellowship with Him. The restoration of the spiritual life in man is the only cure for discontent. A greater independence on the outer life and a larger reliance upon God will give strength to the inner life to adapt all of life to conditions. Thus there will be experienced a serenity and quietude which gives evidence of a trust in Almighty God that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

Darwin, Vital Aussie Base, Is Heavily Bombed

First Direct Attack Made On Australia By Japanese Today

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 19.—(UP)—A strong Japanese air force of about 100 bombers protected by fighters heavily bombed the north Australian port of Darwin twice today, inflicting considerable damage on military installations in the vital allied base. At least four enemy bombers were shot down.

The first attack on the Australian continent was made by approximately 75 bombers, accompanied by fighter planes, while 21 bombers participated in the second raid this afternoon.

Prime Minister John Curtin said that at least four of the 21 bombers that attacked the city and port in the second raid were downed.

Curtin's announcement, made from a sick bed, said that the bombers had caused considerable damage but that details were not available concerning loss of life.

"Our armed forces and civilians behaved gallantly," Curtin said. "I have no information regarding casualties but it must be obvious that we suffered."

The Japanese planes in their first direct attack on continental territory, concentrated on Darwin itself and on shipping in the harbor, the only north coast port, a communique of the royal Australian air force said.

Details were not immediately available, but it was hoped here

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Hoosiers Listed As Japanese Prisoners

Presumed Prisoners From Pacific Areas

Washington, Feb. 19.—(UP)—The navy department said today that 1,009 naval and marine corps officers and enlisted men who were serving in China and Pacific outposts Dec. 7 and 1,200 civilians presumably were taken by the Japanese as prisoners of war.

The civilians were employed at Wake and Guam building defense works.

The navy explained that the exact status of all the individuals could not be determined because of interrupted communications and the elimination of contacts when the outposts were overwhelmed.

The lists by classification and location follow:

Navy personnel at Wake included:

Cmdr. Winfield Scott Cunningham, Long Beach, Cal.; Cmdr. Campbell Keene, naval air station, San Diego, Cal.

Navy personnel at Guam:

Lowen Augustus Arnett, seaman 1st class, Sullivan, Ind.

Mortland Cochran, chief machin-

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Another Tanker Is Torpedoed Off Venezuelan Coast; Coasts May Expect Sporadic Attacks

Tom H. Allwein Is Named Bean Buyer

Given Promotion At Gibson City Plant

Tom H. Allwein, son of Mrs. Grace Allwein of this city has been promoted to the post of bean buyer, in addition to his duties as traffic manager of the McMillen Feed Mills at Gibson City, Ill.

Mr. Allwein became traffic manager of the Gibson City plant in September 1939, following his employment with the local office of the McMillen Feed Mills. He is a graduate of Decatur high school and obtained a Bachelor's degree at De Pauw university for one year.

Mr. and Mrs. Allwein have lived in Gibson City for more than three years. Before her marriage, Mrs. Allwein was Miss Corlene Townsend.

Other promotions announced by the company's general office in Fort Wayne, include the appointment of Ralph Kail as plant manager of the McMillen Feed Mills and Central Soya company at Gibson City. Mr. Kail succeeds I. T. Kendall, who has gone to Bowling Green to operate an elevator and feed mill.

Don Baughman, who was office manager of the Master Feed and Seed Company at Alliance, Ohio, an affiliate of the local industry, has been transferred to Gibson City and placed in charge of the order and credit department.

The Gibson City plants serve the Illinois and Wisconsin territories, the company having a large warehouse and distribution point in Madison, Wis.

Mercury Hits Zero Mark This Morning

Slowly rising temperatures were prevalent in Decatur today after early weather struck the city at an early hour this morning.

The mercury started shipping rapidly last evening and continued its descent after midnight until 7 a. m., the Daily Democrat thermometer registered exactly zero.

One hour later it had moved up 2 above and started a gradual climb. Weathermen predicted slowly rising temperatures today and not quite so cold tonight.

Health Movie Made Available To County

Tuberculosis Movie Is Available Here

"Goodbye Mr. Germ," a novel animated and "real life" movie depicting the life and death of a tuberculosis germ, was made available today to the health classes of the Adams county schools.

The movie was recently purchased by the Adams county tuberculosis association and previewed last night at a meeting of the executive board of the tuberculosis association, held in the Decatur junior-senior high school.

Remaining the property of the association, it will be loaned to the schools upon application to W. Guy Brown, president of the association, at the Decatur school.

The movie presents in an unusual manner the birth and progress of tuberculosis germs, symptoms of the disease and effective means of cure and prevention, advising early diagnosis.

Members of the association pointed out that an education preparedness program against the disease was appropriate to the present health theme of civilian defense.

Decatur Citizens Enroll For Defense

All Citizens To Be Given Opportunity

Each citizen in the city of Decatur will be given an opportunity to enroll for volunteer civilian defense work soon—such is the theme of a program outlined by the city civilian defense council last night.

At the suggestion of Cal E. Peterson, newly elected director and Mrs. Arthur R. Holthous, the council unanimously approved a method of conducting a house to house canvass of the city to enroll Decaturites.

"Enroll every adult in the city, learn the capabilities of each and be prepared for an emergency—even if it never comes," was the decision of the council.

Pointing out that, should a need arise for various types of volunteer defense workers, Decatur would be wholly unprepared unless an indexed, classified list of citizens was available, the leaders said.

Details of the canvass are to be worked out, but it was definitely decided that district and block wardens would be named, whose duties would include organizing block by block canvassing.

Recognize Volunteers Citizens who volunteer will be like

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County Draft Board Given New Rulings

Withhold Names Of Trainees To Leave

Publishing of names of registrants about to be inducted into selective service—before they leave—is to be discontinued under a new ruling received by the Adams county draft board.

The latest ruling received by the board asserts that "when publishing names of men who are being delivered by bus or other means of transportation it is advisable not to publish the list before the men leave the local board area. Thus, we will not be in the position of publishing in advance the fact that some of our men will be in transit at any given time."

The ruling does not ban the publication or photographs of the men after they have gone. The same ruling applies to men either entering service or going to army examinations.

Thus, under the ruling, names of Adams county men who enter service or go to Fort Wayne for examinations will not appear in the Daily Democrat until after they leave.

The communication relative to the new rulings received from the state director continues that "many questions still arise regarding the nature of information which may be released to the newspapers. There is no reason why local boards should not release to the papers the names of men who are being delivered for army examinations or induction. Names of individuals whose cases have been appealed may also be published, if the local board de-

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Green's Condition Remains Unchanged

The condition of Lawrence "Amish" Green, state highway worker critically injured February 1 in an auto-train crash was reported as unchanged yet today. The attending physician stated that he was still in a semi-coma at the Adams county memorial hospital.

War Secretary Says Command Is Making Every Effort To Smash At Axis

Willemstad, Curacao, Dutch West Indies, Feb. 19.—(UP)—German submarines torpedoed another tanker in renewed attacks on the Aruba oil area today and apparently again shelled the Standard Oil refinery on that island off the Venezuelan coast.

The Aneta news agency reported the torpedoing of a Panama registered tanker this morning which brought to around 10 the number of ships reported attacked or sunk this week despite vigilant patrol action by United States air and sea forces.

The agency said that earlier this morning "some projectiles" landed in the neighborhood of the Standard oil refinery on Aruba, but that "it is not excluded that these were stray projectiles not fired by the enemy."

"The statement indicated a possibility that the 'projectiles' were a result of defense operations, but it appeared more likely that they were from the guns of an enemy submarine."

Stimson Warning

Washington, Feb. 19.—(UP)—Secretary of War Henry Stimson warned the nation today that it must expect sporadic attacks on our coasts, but he declared the high command is making every effort to gain the offensive in crushing the Axis.

Stimson told a press conference that about the only way to win the war is to "take a vigorous offensive against the enemy." He said the surest way to lose it would be to yield to pressure by local groups for protection that would divide the might of our striking forces.

Stimson made his statement in response to questions concerning the German submarine attack on the Dutch West Indies islands of Aruba and Curacao.

"All I have to say is that the possibility and probability of such an attack have been foreseen," he said.

"By arrangements with the Dutch government, we placed on the island a force for its defense."

He said that the attack raised the vital question that we "have got to be prepared for attacks not only at Aruba but all along our coasts, and we have got to be prepared against pressure by the public to string out our defenses along the coasts and bases."

"To yield to this pressure is the surest way of losing the war," Stimson said.

"We've got to be prepared in this war to take sporadic attacks along our coasts," Stimson said. "The only way to combat that is to mass our forces to carry the fight to the enemy. If we scatter our forces for the defensive, it is the surest way to defeat."

Unemployment Bill Lost In Committee

300 Million Fund Voted Down Today

Washington, Feb. 19.—(UP)—The house ways and means committee today voted down President Roosevelt's request for a \$300,000,000 unemployment compensation appropriation for workers who lose their jobs through the conversion of peace time industries to war production.

The committee voted 16 to 8 against the appropriation after less than an hour's deliberation. Their rejection had been expected following the overwhelming opposition of state governors, who feared that the legislation might be the first step in federalizing the unemployment compensation system.

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