

ALLIED PLANES BOMBARD JAP BASES

Arthur Faces
Problems
in War Efforts

Mountain Of Detail
Must Be Overcome
By Allied Leader

MacArthur's Headquarters, March 31.—(UPI)—Gen. MacArthur is getting the full cooperation of all United Nations officials and services as he faces perplexing problems in forming a supreme command for the offensive.

The mountain of detail involved in preparing for defense of Australia and an eventual offensive against the Japanese cannot be assessed in a day although the work is being speeded. But in addition there are three major problems that must be solved to achieve complete unity and authority:

MacArthur's command does not govern allied naval forces.

For this has not been important, it will be most essential that naval strategy be closely integrated with other operations in the Pacific in which MacArthur envisions.

The now separate organizations of the royal Australian air force must be integrated with American air forces, which are a part of the army.

Both high Australian and American officials have said that they are frankly uncertain how the reorganization of widely scattered and separate organizations can be a success.

There is considerable confusion as to the extent to which MacArthur might countermand or supersede orders of the allied government and forces.

These problems admittedly are ones in the United Nations that must match the Axis system of complete centralized and unified command for swift, smashing operations, but it is felt here that they are solved.

The bright spot is the reorganization of the Australian forces under greater responsibility for the hard-hitting veterans that come from Libya and other foreign battlefields. They are being regrouped and distributed throughout the Australian forces, gaining experience and ability in the allied set-up.

The old Australian military board is being dissolved to simplify the strategic command and one member of the board may join the参謀本部 council at Washington. This will be department heads. Until the general coordination of United Nations forces under MacArthur is completed, probably several weeks hence, the veteran forces will hold a major responsibility for defense of Australia.

Organization of the battle plan for Australia, based on a belief that the Japanese may hurl their forces against the country's northern shores within two or three weeks, will be studied by the leaders at meetings of the Australian war cabinet and war council this week.

A complete reorganization of the commands of Australia's land forces under Gen. Sir

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Clark's Office Open
Later For Voters

A new schedule of opening hours for the clerk's office on Saturday and Sunday was announced today by County Clerk Clyde G. Troutner. The office will remain open later each day to accommodate voters who must register or transfer to eligible to vote in the primary.

Factory workers and voters living out of the city are encouraged to take advantage of the hours.

Both Saturday and Monday the office will not close until 5 p.m. Monday is the final day for the law for a voter to register or transfer.

Sunday is the last day for a voter to file his declaration, the law provides the regular hour as the deadline, no declarations may be filed after 5 p.m. deadline actually fell on Sunday this year and thus was moved to Saturday under the election laws.

Order Arrests
On Charges To
Defame General

Charge Conspiracy
For Criminal Libel
Against MacArthur

Sacramento, Calif., March 31.—Attorney general Earl Warren today ordered the arrest of Robert Noble, Ellis Jones and several associates, on charges of conspiracy to commit criminal libel against Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme Allied commander.

Noble and Jones are leaders of "the friends of progress" movement in Los Angeles. The FBI arrested Noble recently but U. S. attorney Francis Biddle ordered his release.

Warren ordered his Los Angeles assistant, Warren Olney, to file the charges immediately and to continue an investigation to determine if treason or other charges should be filed.

Warren acted on the basis of a bulletin issued yesterday by "the friends" in which a column, under the heading of "cooperhead notes," criticized MacArthur for leaving his Bataan forces and going to Australia.

After quoting the text of the article, attorney-general Warren said "by no stretch of the imagination can this be considered an exercise of the right of free speech. It is malicious falsehood and when coupled with the other material in this and other publications by the same persons shows a clear and definite purpose not only to defame General MacArthur but also to spread disaffection among other people and cripple our nation in its war effort."

Berne Rural Carrier
Resigns Position

Raymond Beer, Berne route one mail carrier, has resigned his position preparatory to being inducted into selective service soon.

Two Contingents To
Enter Army Service

Groups Leave City
In Next Two Weeks

Contingents of Adams county registrants will leave here for final army service on April 4 and 11.

Such was the information released today by the local draft board in conformity with a bulletin from state headquarters relative to publicity regarding induction.

The ruling forbids publication of the number of men, time of departure and route of travel. However, the list of names of the men in the contingent and their photographs may be published after they have begun their travel to induction centers.

The Adams county board has been one of the few boards in this section of the state which has been observing the ruling banning publication of names of men in contingents, time of departure, number in quotas and calls.

The bulletin today served only to clarify the situation since reports have been received in state headquarters indicating that there is considerable misunderstanding in Indiana about releasing news concerning inductions.

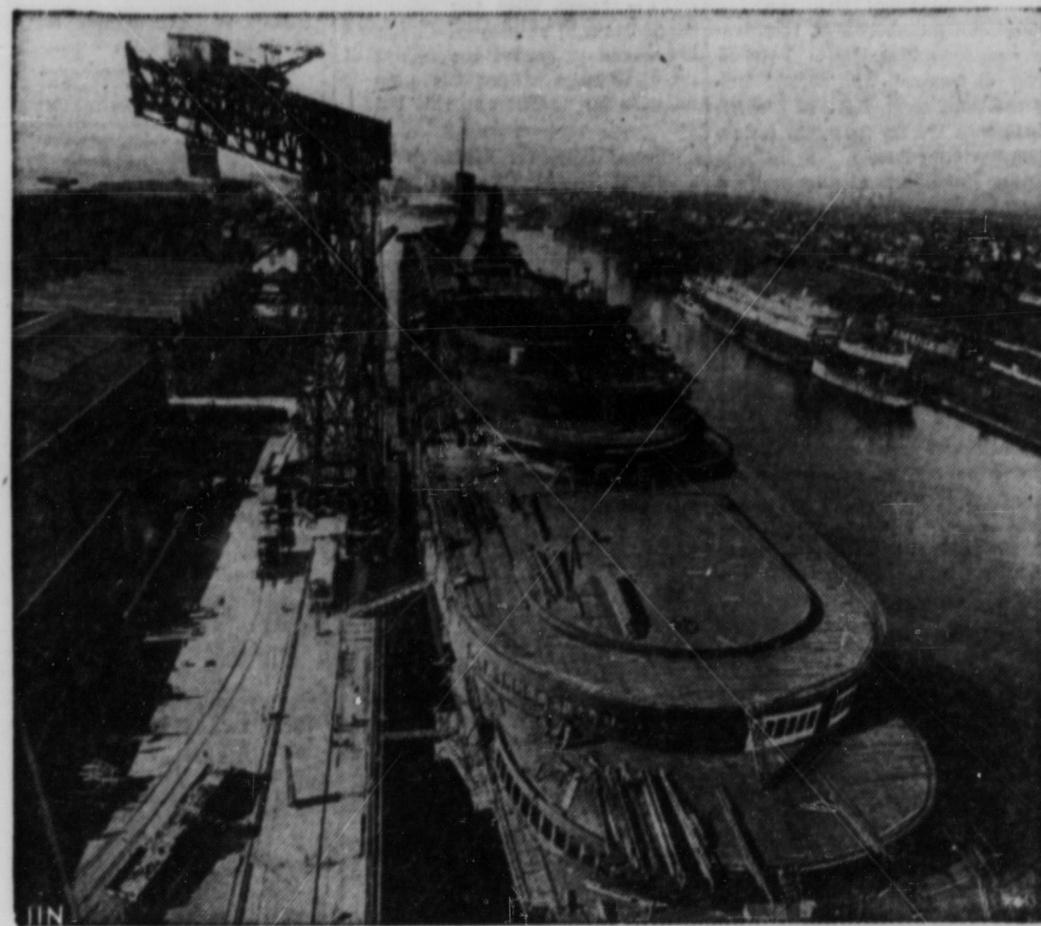
Although many nearby communities have been listing these men prior to their induction the local board adhered strictly to the rule.

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Orders Minors From
Dispensing Liquor

The Indiana state excise board ordered the removal of minors from those places where beer and liquor are sold. The board has notified proprietors that girls or boys under 21 years of age can not be employed as waiters where alcoholic beverages are sold. Several places were affected by the order, which was received yesterday. The minors can not work behind bars or serve alcoholic beverages, according to the notification received here by dealers.

Where British Staged Daring Nazi Dock Raid



View at St. Nazaire at time Normandie was being built

Britain has given a heroes' welcome to the commandos, sailors and airmen who staged that daring, successful raid on St. Nazaire, France, Nazi submarine base. The British used a former American destroyer, fitted out as a mine-bomber, to blow up the docks at St. Nazaire. It was believed that the wrecking of the dock facilities at St. Nazaire would limit German sub activities in the North Atlantic.

Asks Solicitors To
File Defense Cards

Volunteers Asked To
Return Cards Soon

Cal E. Peterson, city civilian defense chairman, today issued a statement, urging all volunteer defense solicitors to return their cards.

Solicitors are asked to have the cards returned to Mr. Peterson by Wednesday evening. Cards which were not used in conducting the house to house civilian defense enrollment are also to be returned.

The signed cards will be filed and indexed under the direction of Mr. Peterson and then used at future dates to secure persons in various lines of civilian defense work.

Many of the cards have already been returned, Mr. Peterson stated, and he is especially anxious to have the balance in order that the filing may be started.

A casual survey of the city disclosed that many homes have been enrolled 100 percent in civilian defense. Window stickers were

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Wells County Man
For State Senator

Homer C. Michael, Wells county contractor, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for joint state senator from Adams, Wells and Blackford counties. Mr. and Mrs. Michael and their two sons live in Liberty Center.

He was disqualified for military service a year ago by reason of injuries sustained in a fall from a building.

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Mercury Again Dips
Below Freezing Here

In making a "MacArthur-like" stand against the advances of spring, Old Man Winter turned on a barrage of his more unfavorable elements into the city of Decatur and community late yesterday.

Dashing cold water onto the hopes of Decaturites who had looked for an early arrival of warm, spring weather, he covered the entire city in a cloak of light: snow and thin ice.

Temperatures dropped below the freezing mark and traffic was slowed considerably last night as drivers rolled down windows to peer around the windshield in an effort to safely negotiate the intersections.

A bright sun appearing intermittently this morning soon removed most of the snow, but the mercury climbed rather slowly in conformity with the weather man's report of not much change in temperature for today.

Draft Registrants
Will Be Inducted
Upon Examination

Indianapolis, March 31.—(UPI)—State selective service officials announced last night that all draft registrants called for physical examinations will be liable for immediate induction into the armed forces.

Officials indicated the registrant may be inducted at the examination center—effective as of Monday.

Only in cases where the person is forward for further specialized examination will the rule be waived, it was announced.

Decatur To Enforce
City Dog Ordinance

Drive Started To
Enforce Ordinance

A campaign to enforce the city's dog ordinance was announced today by Police Chief James Borders.

Ed Newport, who has served as a part-time dog catcher will be employed full time, at least for the next three months, to aid in the campaign.

All dogs running at large will be picked up and held at the dog pound for 10 days, during which time they may be reclaimed by their owners. At the conclusion of that period they will be destroyed if not claimed.

The enforcement campaign will also embrace the dog tag ordinance, which provides that all dogs in the city must wear a tag. These

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Lew Ayres, Movie Star, Sent
To Camp For War Objectors

By M. Richard Applegate
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Aboard West Coast Limited, enroute to Portland, Ore., Mar. 31—(UPI)—Lew Ayres, the movie star and first prominent American to refuse to shoulder arms because of religious scruples, sped toward a conscientious objectors' camp in Oregon today, and said that any other course would cause him "a nightmare of hypocrisy and deceit."

Nervous, and as he put it, "emotionally upset," the handsome hero of many a movie epic, including Hollywood's first preachment against war, "All Quiet on the Western Front," boarded the train at a flagstop north of Hollywood last night.

"The whole thing is almost too close to me to talk about now," he said, pulling his brown tweed coat about his shoulders and settling down in the tourist sleeping berth for which government had paid.

"In confusion we stumble blindly

Deferments Granted
By Appeals Board

District Appeals
Board In Rulings

District board of appeals, number one, at Fort Wayne, has granted three temporary deferments to selective service registrants on appeals from the local board, it was disclosed today.

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The district appeal board placed the following men in class 2-A and granted deferments to September 17, 1942: 2491, Noah J. Schwartz; 536, Albert Willoughby Kleinsmith, and 1732, Noah Christian Koemman.

Deferments have been asked of the board by the following:

Verlin R. Moser, S-2323, personally; Richard Diamond, S-81, who was transferred here from Gregory county, South Dakota, by his employer, Otto Hoffman; Corrin Edward Judge, 330, by his father, Noble Judge; Frederick Nelson Kaehr, 1531, personally, for an extension of his deferment. Rulings on the cases have not been announced.

The draft board expects to announce within a day or two new classifications and re-classifications made at its last meeting.

Decatur Lad Loses
Fingers In Accident

Tommy Rambo, 4, son of Glenn Rambo, of Fifth street, is confined in the Ada, Ohio hospital following an accident in which he lost two fingers from his right hand. The lad reportedly was playing with a pulley when the accident occurred, as his parents were visiting in Ada.

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Destructive Raids Made By
Allied Air Squadrons; Japs
Bomb Bataan Base Hospital

Suspend Business
During Three Hours

Decatur To Observe
Good Friday Here

Stores, offices and mercantile establishments will close Good Friday afternoon from 12 o'clock noon to 3 p.m., in observance of the Three Hours.

The First State bank will be closed all day, the last legislature declaring Good Friday a state holiday.

Public offices will also be closed during the Three Hours and several may remain closed for the balance of the afternoon.

Services will be held at the St. Mary's Catholic church and at the First Methodist church, the latter a union service of all Protestant churches, during the time that the Christian world commemorates the Three Hours which Jesus Christ spent on the Cross at Mt. Calvary.

Participating in the union service will be Rev. Ralph W. Graham, D.D., First Methodist church; Rev. Dwight Patterson, Union Chapel U. B.; Rev. G. T. Rosselot, United Brethren church; Rev. Glen E. Marshall, Church of God; Rev. Paul Brandyberry, Church of the Nazarene; Rev. G. S. Lozier, First Evangelical church; Rev. Kenneth Timmons, First Christian church; Rev. C. M. Prugh, Th.D., Zion Evangelical and Reformed church; Rev. G. O. Walton, First Presbyterian church; Rev. C. R. Moser, First Baptist church.

At the Zion Lutheran church, a Good Friday service will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, the pastor, Rev. Paul W. Schultz, announced.

The Daily Democrat office will be closed during the Three Hours.

James Werst Dies
Late Monday Night

Decatur Man Dies
After Long Illness

James Frederick Werst, 60, well known Decatur resident, died at his home in this city at 11:30 o'clock Monday night after a year's illness of a heart ailment.

He was born in Adams county May 6, 1881, the son of Charles and Lydia Werst, and had lived in Decatur the past 38 years. He was an employee of the Decatur Lumber company for 30 years. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and the Moose and Red Men lodges.

Survivors include the widow, Malissa; the mother, Mrs. Lydia Bodie of Decatur; four sons, Palmer of Decatur, Olen of California, Adrian of Griffith and Chester of Geneva; one brother, Rufus Werst of Decatur; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Paul Brandyberry officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. The body will be taken to the home of the mother, 1021 Line street, from the Gillis & Doan funeral home and may be viewed after 7 o'clock this evening.

14,500 Acres Signed
By Sugar Company

Approximately 14,500 acres for growing of sugar beets for the Central Sugar company in this city, have been contracted by the fieldmen, H. W. McMillen, president of the company, stated today.

The goal is about 16,000 acres, which will allow for a little shrinkage during the sowing and growing season, the company planning a net of at least 15,000 harvested acres.

The plant is being repaired and put in shape for the anticipated increased factory run next fall. Sugar production is expected