

## LINK JAPAN AND FLEET SHAKEUP

Sources in Congress Point To Suggested Expansion In Asiatic Unit.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U.P.)—Responsible Congressional sources suggested today that President Roosevelt ordered a reorganization of the United States fleet to re-emphasize the "big stick" policy this country has adopted toward Japan.

Establishment of three powerful fleets—the Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic—was described by the Navy Department as "routine." But in other quarters it was said the move was designed to assure efficiency in setting up a two-ocean Navy and to let Japan know that an expansion is likely in our Asiatic unit.

The Navy declined to reveal the present strength of the Far Eastern force, known in the past as the Asiatic squadron. Last available figures showed that the squadron consisted of approximately 50 vessels of all types.

Meanwhile, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced that Caribbean defenses—Puerto Rico, Panama and Trinidad—are being placed under one command and headed by Lieut. Gen. Daniel Van Voorhis. Mr. Stimson's announcement indicated that the new bases at Trinidad—on of those leased from Britain—will be developed as a major American stronghold in the Caribbean.

Whether other bases leased from the British would be brought under the new unified command depends on whether sufficient troops are garrisoned at those points to warrant such action, Mr. Stimson said.

The new Caribbean commander, Gen. Van Voorhis, is the present commander of the Panama Canal Department and a prominent exponent of Army mechanization.

Mr. Stimson said that the first troops to be sent to Newfoundland, another of the bases acquired from Britain, will sail from New York about Jan. 15 aboard the transport Army.

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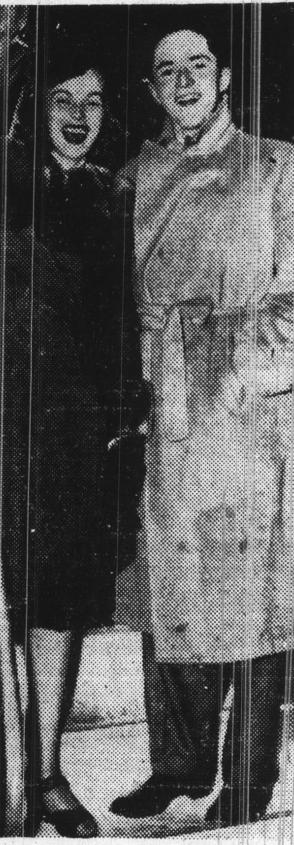
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## War Moves Today

By J. W. T. MASON  
United Press War Expert

British consent to the importation into unoccupied France of supplies for children is a response to the growing recovery of French morale which Germany is trying to check.

Whatever stimulates return of self-confidence to France adds to Germany's difficulties and increases the possibility of eventual resistance to the Nazis by the French fleet and the French colonies.

It is toward that objective that British influences now are working. The Germans understand the importance of the situation and undoubtedly are much concerned about the changing complexion of opinion at Vichy since the dismissal of Pierre Laval.

Reports from London say that the present experimental distribution of supplies from America works well in France, further relaxation of the food ban may be made. The reason for this new attitude is to give further encouragement to French pro-British sentiment, if that can be done without adding to Germany's own food reserves.

Future developments may make food assistance to France a form of military strategy. If moderate imports of food into France are to strengthen Vichy's opposition to Germany's military demands, the tactical advantage would rest with the British.

The French food problem, in preceding months, was differently construed because it seemed that certain French influences were definitely working for a German victory.

It appeared possible that Vichy might even become an active ally of Germany. That caused Prime Minister Churchill to make his radio appeal last autumn to Frenchmen against such a betrayal.

Now, however, evidence is in-

able to compel Pétain to restore Laval to favor, which marked a definite defeat for Nazi policy in France.

The gradual effect of that German reverse is beginning to be evident in the rising influence of the anti-German clique at Vichy which has earned Berlin's public rebuke. Germany cannot afford to encourage the growth of this movement by making unilateral changes in the armistice terms that might increase Axis power in the Mediterranean.

Beyond the scene, however, it appears as if the Germans have not abandoned hope of being able to counteract the changing policy at Vichy. They are handicapped especially by Italy's defeats in Albania and North Africa, but pressure on Vichy still continues.

The relief of food shortage, if it becomes really serious this winter, may become a way of stimulating French public opinion in Britain's interest. The question now seems under consideration as the first experimental shipment from America sets forth.

### ROOSEVELT TO VISIT HOME IN HYDE PARK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt plans to leave tomorrow to spend the weekend at his Hyde Park home.

The President's daughter and son-in-law, Anna Roosevelt Boettiger and John Boettiger, are expected to be there.

Before leaving, Mr. Roosevelt will attend a luncheon of the Women's National Press Club, to make an "off the record" speech.

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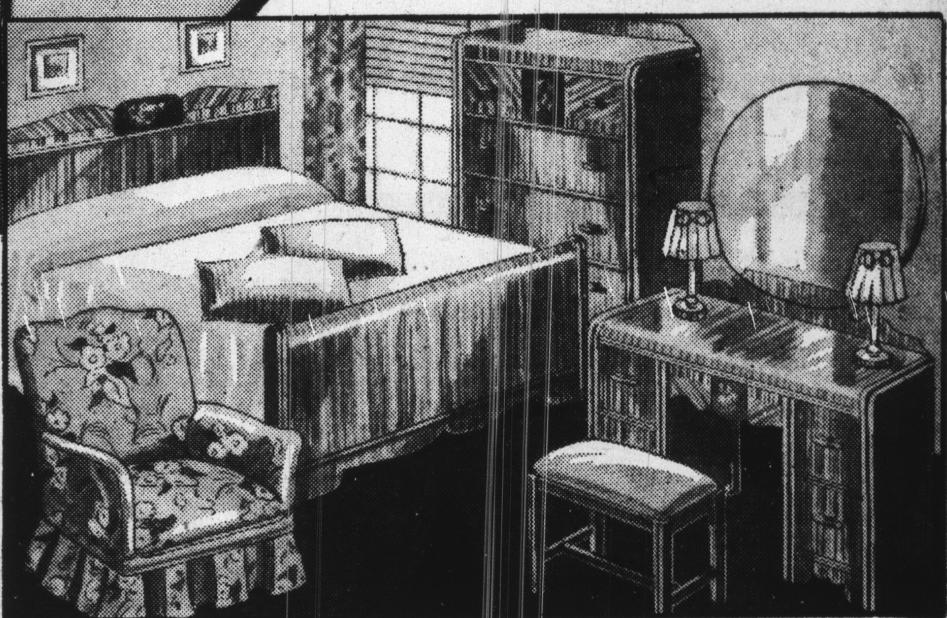
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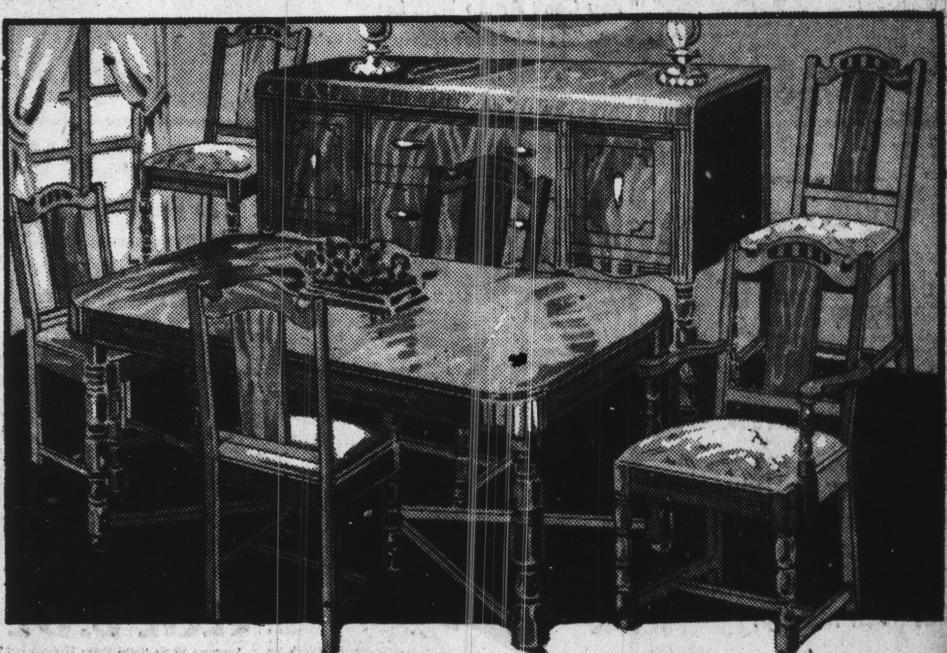
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