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FORECAST: Cold wave tonight, with lowest temperature 5 to 10 degrees above zero; rain this afternoon, changing to light to moderate snow tonight.

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Pacific Fleet To Keep Sea Lanes Open, Nimitz Says

J. S. FEARS WORST AT MANILA

BEAT THE JAPS IS KEYNOTE OF CELEBRATIONS

Work Goes On in City's
War Plants as Toasts
Are Drunk to '42.

Indianapolis and the nation entered 1942 today on a dual keynote of "Happy New Year" and "Beat the Japs."

It was the City's first war-time New Year's Day in 24 years and celebrations here and across the country reflected a belief that future observances of the holiday will call for greater restraint until the war has ended.

Even this year, 25 days after the outbreak of war, thousands of Indianapolis workers stayed at their jobs in booming factories and welcomed 1942 from the production battle front.

Everywhere signs of gaiety were mixed with signs of war.

Machines Grind On

In local homes, hotels and cafes, men and women welcomed the New Year in various ways.

In the factories, men stood over machines and did not pause.

While a toast was drunk in one place, the gear of an airplane motor was cut in another.

Hotels, restaurants, clubs and bars were filled to overflowing. Crowds of merrymakers wound through downtown streets and looked up as the whistles blew.

It was like all the eves of the New Year in the past, but hilarity was mixed more than ever with concern for a war darkened future.

There were 1,600 air raid wardens in New York's Times Square, perennial scene of the most riotous New Year's celebrations. At the stroke of midnight, the voice of Lucy Monroe, singing the Star's Spangled Banner, went out over a loud speaker system. A hush fell over the crowd; then it joined in the national anthem, which echoed through the brightly lit square. About 1,000,000 persons jammed the Times Square Area.

When the New Year arrived on the Pacific Coast three hours later, a war note was apparent. There were no throngs in the street to greet 1942 with a rendition of "Auld Lang Syne." There were no bright lights to serve as beacons for Japanese bombers.

But parties in homes, clubs and theaters maintained the usual note of hilarity. Police said they didn't want to stop funmaking but to push it indoors.

Many cities on both the East and West Coasts prohibited noisemakers, guns and blowing of factory whistles.

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Randit's Victim Has Ups, Downs

ANCIS DUGAN of R. R. 4, 677-B, looked up from his

in the Emrich's Furniture

store at 324 W. Morris St.

at night and stared into the

gleam of a shotgun poked

through a window beside the

ice door.

"Put up your hands," said the

voice through the window.

Mr. Dugan did as told.

"Now unlock the door," the

voice ordered.

"I can't unlock the door and

keep my hands up at the same

time," Mr. Dugan protested.

"Then put your hands down,"

the voice said.

Mr. Dugan unlocked the door,

came in and then left

again with between \$400 and \$500

from the office safe.

Let This Be Your... No. 1 Resolution for 1942

Help Defeat the
Aggression by put-
ting your savings—
regularly—in U. S.
Defense Bonds and
Stamps.

Get Your Share of—
U. S. Defense BONDS—STAMPS

1 DEAD, 2 HURT IN EVE TRAFFIC

Aged Pedestrian Dies After Being Struck on W. Michigan St.

An aged pedestrian was killed and two others were injured critically in a wave of New Year's Eve traffic accidents in the city.

William D. McMahon, 78, of 433 Limestone Ave., struck by a car driven by Donald Hess, 21, of 243½ W. Michigan St., died in Methodist Hospital. He was struck in the 1200 block of W. Michigan St.

Injured critically were Harley Smoot, 58, of 533 N. Belmont Ave. and 15-year-old John Chastain, of 2617 Guilford Ave.

Mr. Smoot was struck at Belmont Ave. and Michigan St. by a car driven by Cliford Powell, 42, of Plainfield, Ind. Young Chastain was struck by a truck driven by Ed McClain of 325 W. 16th Place at St. Clair St. and Massachusetts Ave.

BLAME CIGARET IN WOMAN'S DEATH

Charred Body Found in Edinburg Home.

EDINBURG, Ind., Jan. 1 (U. P.)—Johnson County Coroner Walter L. Porteus said today that Mrs. Bertha Rhodes Mathias, 56, whose charred body was found early this morning in a chair at her home, apparently went to sleep while smoking a cigarette and suffocated.

Porteus said officers, after questioning the woman's husband John, an employee of an Edinburg veneer factory, "were satisfied there was no evidence of foul play."

State Police who were called in to investigate said Mrs. Mathias' body was found upright in a living room chair when her husband returned from work at 1 a. m.

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (U. P.)—The British radio, heard by the United Press listening post, reported today that four more Japanese transports have been sunk by Dutch naval planes.

Here's to Year of Peril—Churchill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (U. P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill paused in his work at midnight to toast the new year with newspaper correspondents.

In a crowded dining car enroute to Washington and garbed in a "siren suit"—a coverall garment originally designed for wear in air raid shelters—which he regularly wears when working, Mr. Churchill rose from his chair and proposed:

"Here's to 1942,
"A year of toll,
"A year of struggle,
"A year of peril
"But a long step forward to victory."

NEW YEAR IS HERE AND COLD WAVE, TOO

One of the first developments of the New Year in Indianapolis is a cold wave, which is scheduled for an appearance tonight. The temperature is to be between five and 10 degrees above zero and the light rain which is due in town this afternoon will have changed to snow.

It'll be windy, too. The weatherman says the velocity of the first 1942 wind will be between 25 and 35 miles per hour.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. ... 40 9 a. m. ... 44
7 a. m. ... 43 10 a. m. ... 46
8 a. m. ... 43 11 a. m. ... 46

HONOLULU, Dec. 31 (U. P.)—Two Navy patrol plane pilots effected a daring sea rescue of nine American Army fliers whose plane had been forced down many miles from Oahu, the Navy disclosed today.

The Army fliers, rescued yesterday, had drifted for hundreds of miles in two tiny rubber life rafts. They survived two storms, in which one raft capsized. Most of their emergency rations had been destroyed.

In recognition of the rescues, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz personally awarded the Navy cross for heroism to Ensign P. M. Fisler, 23, of Ivanhoe, N. C., and Aviation Machinist's Mate Leonard H. Wagner of Bakersville, N. C.

Other members of the crew were cited for meritorious conduct.

U. S. ALLOTS 383 TIRES TO COUNTY

They'll Be Sold Only for Use On Vehicles Involved in Essential Work.

Marion County's share of the nation's limited tire supply will be exactly 383 during January for passenger cars, motorcycles and light trucks.

This figure was included in the State's quota of 2,717 for the month announced in Washington last night by Leon Henderson, Price Control Administrator.

And, of course, the rules set recently for rationing tires and tubes still prevail. Only those on the eligible list can purchase them—persons operating vehicles essential to public health, safety and transportation.

Two counties in the United States will receive no new tires or tubes for sale to civilians during January. At least 22 counties will receive only one tire and tube for passenger cars.

Alpine County, California, and Hinsdale County, Colorado, will receive no new tires or tubes.

Marion County's share of tubes this month will be 320 for passenger cars, light trucks and motorcycles, while 2274 tubes will be available in the State. The heavy truck and bus quota for the State is 6413 tires.

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On Other Fronts

SINGAPORE—British claim to have halted Japanese forces in western Malaya.

CAIRO—British try for knock-out of Axis Army 90 miles south of Benghazi.

MOSCOW—Russians announce new gains west of Moscow.

CHUNGKING—Chinese batter Japanese at various points.

BATAVIA—Nipponese planes set American freighter afire. Crew rescued.

CHURCHILL'S TALKS WITH FDR RESUMED

Comes Back From Canada; Two Attend Church.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (U. P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain returned today from Canada and resumed temporary residence at the White House where he and President Roosevelt will continue their development of grand strategy to beat the Axis.

During the day the President and Prime Minister also were expected to attend church services.

Mr. Roosevelt had proclaimed this New Year's Day an occasion for national prayer for "God's help in days to come."

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NAVY ON WATCH, ADMIRAL SAYS

Any Port May Be Shelled, Nimitz Warns After New Pacific Attacks.

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PEARL HARBOR, Island of Oahu, T. H., Dec. 31 (U. P.) (Delayed)—The United States Pacific fleet will keep the sea lanes open, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said today.

Commenting on the Japanese shelling today of Hawaiian ports, Admiral Nimitz said such actions by the enemy were possible at any time. He said, however, that the presence of hostile craft in American waters would not deter the Navy in its determination to keep the sea lanes open.

The enemy warcraft shelled Hilo, Manila, Nawiliwili, Kauai and Kahului, Maui. The shelling caused no casualties. A small ship was damaged near Hilo and a fire was started in a sugar field near Nawiliwili. The fire was extinguished quickly. The shelling of Kahului was the second since the

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MAJOR BATTLE STILL RAGING, STIMSON SAYS

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (U. P.)—Secretary of War Stimson in a press conference today asserted that our forces are fighting a major battle with Japanese forces north of Manila.

Stimson, releasing a communique on the situation as of 8:30 a. m. (Indianapolis Time), told reporters that severe fighting is in progress after the American and Filipino forces consolidated their position.

Stimson cautioned against looking at the war with Japan through "rose colored glasses," but he said he was "confident that we will defeat them in the end."

BY UNITED PRESS

Manila was ominously silent today and Army and Navy officials feared that the next word from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the heavily outnumbered American and Philippine forces, might report the fall of the city.

As a new year dawned in a war ravaged world, Washington had been without direct word from Gen. MacArthur for many hours. His last message, released by the War Department at 5 p. m. yesterday (4 p. m. Indianapolis Time), did not mention the status of the undefended Philippines capital.

Japanese were believed, however, to be landing on Luzon at will. Their dive-bombers and fighting planes, in control of the air and Gen. MacArthur's forces were fighting a desperate yard by yard battle under tremendous odds.

One report said the Japanese troops had advanced to the vicinity of Lucena, 44 miles south of Manila.

Report Residents Flee

Another report, contained in information reaching Shanghai from Manila, said Nipponese forces which landed near Lamon Bay, on the east shore of Luzon, were "rushing to a point a little more than 30 miles from Manila."

The Shanghai dispatches said that high-speed tanks and armored cars were making swift, uninterrupted advances from the north and south toward the capital, while a "great number" of residents were fleeing the city because they were "unable to stand" successive Japanese bombing attacks.

Wounded soldiers arriving in Manila, the dispatches said, brought word that the defending army was "terribly fatigued and distressed."

Tokyo naval quarters in an official communiqué claimed that Japanese bombers destroyed military camps and barracks in an attack on the Corregidor fortress in Manila Bay.

Government Moves

A Japanese broadcast recorded by the Columbia Broadcasting System in San Francisco quoted an announcement by the Army section of Imperial headquarters that Japanese forces captured Kuantan, strategic point on the eastern Malayan Coast, yesterday. This broadcast asserted that the Japanese controlled all roads in and out of Manila today.

Meanwhile, authoritative quarters said the Philippines Government has moved to Port Darwin, Australia.

In Washington, Army and Navy officials stood by grimly for word from the valiant American and Filipino defenders.

They hoped the stubborn resistance against overwhelming odds was continuing. But they feared the worst.

War and Navy departments last night

New Stand by U. S. Troops In Philippine Hills Expected

By REAR ADMIRAL YATES STIRLING JR.

U. S. N. Retired Naval Critic

Bitter and humiliating as it may be, we now must face the fact that a Japanese occupation of Manila and a temporary end of our organized resistance in the Philippines