

SALES OF NEW AUTOS HALTED

Production of All Cars to End in 30 Days Under OPM Orders.

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Executive Council for War Production, said in Detroit that the automobile industry was "100 per cent" behind the Government. But he urged that additional contracts be awarded to automobile manufacturers to cushion dislocations.

"The Government must give us work on which we can turn loose our mass production facilities," he said. "Plants will have to be shut down but just how many and for how long we can't say. It will depend in part on how rapidly we can get into production on new contracts."

The United Automobile Workers Union (C. I. O.) has said that 350,000 workers would be affected by the conversion of automobile facilities to war production. It was expected, however, that many of these workers would find defense work in other industries if not in plants operated by the automobile manufacturers.

President Roosevelt said the curtailment would offer only a temporary unemployment problem. He said the resultant unemployment probably would last only about two months, rather than six months as had been predicted by some sources.

Produce Heavy Trucks

The OPM's order barred the sale, delivery, purchase or lease of new passenger cars and light and heavy trucks. It was estimated that 450,000 cars now in dealers' hands will be available for those the OPM classes as essential users.

Production of heavy trucks will be allowed to continue after that of automobile and light trucks is halted. Heavy trucks will be sold, however, only to purchasers designated by the OPM.

These orders, it was said, eliminate a barrier to all-out armament production as the automobile industry has been consuming large quantities of steel, aluminum, magnesium, zinc, chromium, copper, lead, tin, tungsten, nickel, rubber and other vitally-needed war materials.

Under terms of the OPM's priorities division order halting sales of new cars, no dealer today can legally sell a new vehicle to a would-be purchaser. The order includes cars in show windows, warehouses or wherever they may be if they are 1942 models or models which have been run less than 1000 miles. All of the 450,000 cars now built and the 100,000 to be built this month will be available for Government rationing.

Vehicle rationing—as in the case of new tires and tubes—will be developed and administered by the Office of Price Administration.

CHANGE AIR BASE COMMAND

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Col. Douglas B. Netherwood late yesterday assumed command of Baer Field, Army air base here, succeeding Col. Ulysses G. Jones. Col. Netherwood previously was assigned to Boringen Field, Puerto Rico.

Yes, One of Them Is Addressed to You



Yes, Mister, one of those envelopes is addressed to you! This is the staff of clerks who worked all day yesterday in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in the Federal Building, preparing income tax blanks for mailing to a waiting public.

EMPIRE LOSES SHIP CONTRACT

Maritime Board Cancels Order for Work in Savannah Yards.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The Maritime Commission today cancelled a contract with the Savannah Ship Yards, Savannah, Ga., for construction of 12 emergency cargo vessels.

The Commission said the contract was cancelled because of "failure of the company to meet conditions" of the agreement. The contract was executed Nov. 25, 1941.

The ship yards were organized by the Empire Ordnance Co., which has figured in Congressional inquiries into the activities of "defense brokers." The name of Thomas G. Corcoran, one-time brain-truster, was linked with Empire in this connection, but he denied that he had been instrumental in obtaining Government work for the firm.

Charles West, former Democratic Congressman from Ohio and ex-Undersecretary of the Interior, has sued Empire for nearly \$700,000, which he contends is owed him for obtaining \$70,000,000 worth of defense work for the firm.

SHOT ROUSES IRENE DUNNE

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Actress Irene Dunne was aroused yesterday by a shot and learned that one of her estate guards had shot the other through the arm during an argument. Joe Klaes, the victim, was reported resting comfortably. The other guard, Al Dolejls, was arrested.

MANILA TAKEN. BY JAP FORCES

Cavite Naval Base Also Is Lost; U. S. Plans to Continue Fight.

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Islands, notably Cebu, Negros, Panay and Palawan.

Cavite was the principal U. S. naval base in the Far East. But arrangements long since had been made to base at other points.

"American and Philippine troops are occupying strong positions north of the city and are holding the fortified island of Corregidor and other defenses of Manila Bay effectively, preventing the use of this harbor by the enemy," the War Department said.

It stated that the "loss of Manila, while serious, has not lessened resistance to the Japanese attacks" on the ground. And it reported that "Japanese air activity is somewhat less in intensity than for several days."

Harbor Gate Is Locked

The American naval base at Olongapo is located on the northern end of the mountainous Batan Peninsula which stretches down to within a few miles of Corregidor, forming one of the land locks of Manila Harbor.

Evacuation of Cavite was accomplished before the Japanese entered the Manila area, the Navy said. All records, equipment and stores that might have been of value to the enemy were removed. Naval installations were destroyed, as was the fuel stored at the naval base.

Cavite lies 10 miles southwest of Manila, on the curving shore of Manila Bay, which is the greatest land-locked bay in the world.

Fleet Had Left Bay

Admiral Thomas C. Hart's Asiatic fleet was understood to have left Cavite some weeks before the outbreak of war, although Admiral Hart himself was around Manila a week ago.

Dispatches from Batavia today indicated that some units of the fleet are co-operating with the Dutch defenders of the Netherlands East Indies.

But even after the evacuation of Cavite, the personnel of the naval hospital at Canacao remained at their posts at the naval hospital, "to care for the wounded," the Navy said.

Japanese troops presumed to be occupying Cavite were believed to have pushed to the base from the southwest, where landings were effected some time ago in Batangas Province.

Occupation of Manila might have been accomplished by segments of the same forces, or by Japanese contingents pushing down the broad valleys northeast of Manila, on the eastern flank of Gen. MacArthur's united defense lines.

The strategy of the joining of the north and south defenders was intended to bring the southern fighters to the new line so that they would not be cut off.

In their present position, Gen. MacArthur's lines are entrenched on a long front with withdrawals toward the Batan Peninsula, a comparatively easy task, in the event such a tactical move becomes necessary.

In Batan's mountains the heroic U. S.-Filipino troops would have some advantage over the Japanese and could, if necessary, fight all the way down to the tip of the Peninsula. If necessary they then could join the forces on Corregidor Island.

But there are no definite indications here what Gen. MacArthur's plans may be. It was pointed out that if he could maintain his present lines for any considerable length of time, new developments might strengthen his position immeasurably.

Declared Open City

Manila was declared an open city a week ago, and all American defense forces and equipment were withdrawn by Gen. MacArthur, who felt that it would be impossible to stage a last-ditch fight in the capital.

Gen. MacArthur apparently reached this conclusion by the realization that such a stand would result in great bloodshed among the civilian population.

War Moves Today

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News that Chinese troops have entered British territory and area in Burma under command of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell comes simultaneously with an announcement of the British Malayan command that "considerable help" is on the way to the defense of Malaya.

Linked with other current developments, it is news of considerable significance and indicates that on a large scale is to be sent into Malaya, and Singapore is to be saved, it would logically come from the north.

The Japanese are throwing strong air and land forces into the Malaya peninsula in a desperate effort to take Singapore by the weight of their initial onslaught before a large expeditionary force can be organized in Burma to attack their flank in Thailand and Indo-China.

The Japanese have superiority in numbers and aircraft at present. It may take some little time before Gen. Wavell, who is commander in India and the Far East, can get together a force sufficiently large both to hold the Burma Road and launch a big-scale offensive eastward, but all indications are that it is going to be attempted.

The bulk of the troops presumably would come from India, where Gen. Wavell has a growing army of more than 1,000,000 men.

According to London informants, the British decision to send heavy reinforcements to the Far East has been communicated to Moscow by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and Russia is in agreement. If so, it is a further indication of the unity of strategy among the Allies.

The present development is the first fruit of the war council held recently in Chungking by Gen. Wavell, Gen. Brett of the United States and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Japan's position in the Malayan campaign is chiefly vulnerable from the right flank, meaning Thailand. If British and Chinese forces can drive from Bangkok to Bangkok, they will have isolated the Japanese forces in the narrow peninsula and cut their communications except by sea, where the Dutch would play their part by naval attacks, aided by the United States Asiatic fleet.

Must Save Singapore

Thus the A B C D powers would be working in close accord for the one object, the defense of Singapore. If the Philippines are completely lost, this final bastion of the British in eastern Asia would have to be saved, if humanly possible.

There are other signs of the unity which is being achieved among the anti-Axis powers. London understands that a broad world agreement is in prospect, under which the nations would pledge to pool their full armed power and resources until final victory is achieved.

Unified command also is being discussed in London, where it is suggested that a British general might take charge of all land operations in the Far East, and an American admiral of sea operations.

Word comes from Canberra of Australia's acceptance of an agreement on strategy in the Pacific, details of which were not announced. It came as Australia intensified its emergency defense program.

HE'S JUST HUNTING BUT THAT'S ENOUGH

McCOOK, Ill., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Defense guards ran from the Electric Motive Corp. plant and trained machine guns on an armed youth who had been stalking across nearby fields.

"I'm just a hunter," protested Richard Macek, 20, Chicago. When county police arrived, the youth used his clinching argument. He showed them a hen pheasant he had shot. But police arrested him anyway—for hunting out of season.

FORTUNE UNCHANGED

The condition of William Fortune, business and civic leader, remained critical today at Methodist Hospital. The chairman of Indianapolis Chapter of Red Cross entered the hospital two weeks ago due to a complication of ailments. He later contracted pneumonia.

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Hopes to Avenge Brother



An eye for an eye is the slogan of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Carris L. Griswell, Brook, Ind. Their eldest son, Wilfred J. Criswell, a gunner on the U. S. S. Arizona, was killed in action. Robert Lee Criswell, is shown being inducted into the Navy at the local recruiting station in the Federal Building. Robert is 20. The Criswells have three other sons, ages 11, 13 and 19.

Boy in Stolen Car Shot; Ignored Detective's Plea

A 15-year-old boy ignored the pleas of a detective today and his trail of crime led him to City Hospital's detention ward.

Detectives Oren Mangus and Louis Zunk had been watching patiently a stolen car that had been left in the 2600 block of Park Ave. They had reason to believe someone would try to drive it away.

Then the lad approached the car, got in and tried to start the motor. Detective Mangus ran to the car but the boy had locked the doors.

The car wouldn't start immediately because the motor was cold. Detective Mangus begged him to come out.

"I don't want to have to shoot you," the officer shouted through the glass.

But the boy continued to press the starter. Then the detective tried to smash the window with his fist. But the motor took hold and the car started.

So Detective Mangus placed his gun against the glass and fired down at the floor board. The bullet grazed the youth's leg but he drove away.

At Ft. Wayne and Alabama St. a police cruiser directed by Sgt. Tim O'Neill spotted the car just as the youth, suffering from loss of blood, was pulling over to the curb. Officers said the boy had been involved in stolen car cases several times before.

Son of Governor Enters Air Corps

HENRY F. SCHRIKKER JR., 20-year-old son of Governor Schricker, enlisted today in the Army Air Corps at Ft. Harrison. He was accompanied to the fort by the governor and his younger brother George, 18.

"I am very proud to have a son who wants to enlist in the Army," the governor said. "I tried to get into the army myself during the last war but I was too light."

TRACT SALESMAN ON HUNGER STRIKE

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—A 35-year-old religious tract salesman, held by police for investigation of his draft status, refused to eat his jail fare today because "the Lord would not approve of my eating without working."

Robert Packer, who told authorities his home was in Lincoln, Neb., was arrested early on New Year's Day for failure to have a draft registration card. He has not eaten since his arrest.

He said his card "wore out" and had been lost.

COUNTY SEEKS \$850,000 LOAN

Needs Funds to Operate Pending May Tax Collections.

The County government today asked permission to borrow \$850,000 as a temporary loan against anticipated tax collections next May.

An ordinance authorizing the loan was given first reading by the County Council today and will be passed tomorrow.

The money will be borrowed from local banks and repaid from tax money from spring collections.

The Council tomorrow is expected to appoint William A. Grady as a member of the Council to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of George Kincaid, now on the County Liquor Board.

Next week the Council is expected to appoint William N. Harding, who resigned to become County Building Commissioner.

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