# Jap Tanks, Dive Bombers Imperil Singapore Defenses

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SINGAPORE, Jan. 12.—British Empire forces are being withdrawn to a new line north of Seremban, 30 miles south of Kuala Lumpur, before a ferocious Japanese tank-led offensive, a communique of the Malaya Command said today.

Fighting was savage as the Japanese infantry, following close behind the tanks, pressed close on the retiring imperial troops and ments, and inflicting heavy losses. swarms of Japanese dive bombing planes bombed and machine-gunned troop positions, roads and the railroad.

(Seremban, on the main Singapore railroad, is in Negri Sembilan state of the Federated Malay States, only 160 miles northwest of Singapore. The communique implied that the Imperial Command had decided to abandon Kuala Lumpur, and the important Port Swettenham of the coast. Japan claimed its occupation yesterday.)

**Jap Fliers Raid Singapore**

Japanese planes opened a furious attack today on the Singapore area and the communique said there had been "a number" of raids. British fighter planes challenged the raiders, with what result remained to be ascertained.

Japanese planes heavily bombed the Ceremban areas yesterday, the communique said, but it was asserted that only slight damage was done to road communications.

Fighting on the West Malaya front was reported continuous and severe as the Imperial troops sought to form their new line under Japanese land and air attack.

The new line, it was indicated, was based on the railroad between Port Dickson and Seremban.

**Bomb Refugee Trains**

Japanese planes opened a savage attack on refugee trains moving southward from the Kuala Lumpur area as the Japanese tanks, leading the furious Japanese offensive down the west coast, broke into the open country after driving through the thick jungle to the north.

Japanese planes in several waves attacked one train. Two persons were killed and several wounded, dispatches said, by machine gun bullets. Apparently Japanese marksmanship was poor for no bombs struck the train.

The battle had now approached a region where the country was comparatively open, not so suitable for surprise attacks by the Japanese, but it was better country for tank warfare.

Little news came from the East Malaya front where natives were giving effective co-operation to the imperial troops.

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# Reds Break German Lines In Arctic, Central Fronts

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KUIBYSHEV, Jan. 12.—War dispatches said today that a Russian offensive had broken through German advance lines on the snow-swept Arctic coast and that the Red Army had pushed through the Axis second defense line in a drive to close a pincers on the Central front.

Russian forces that captured Lyudinovo, on the Bryansk-Vyazma Railroad southwest of Moscow, were reported fighting to close a trap around large enemy units on the Cenral front.

Attacking territory which the Germans and Finns had held for six months, the Russian arctic army opened its drive on the Rybachi or Fishermen's Peninsula on the Arctic coast, the shore batteries of which command the entrance to the Finnish arctic port of Petsamo.

**General Advances Claimed**

They drove through the German lines and regained control of the Mousta Tunturi mountain range, dispatches said.

A late dispatch from the Moscow front asserted that the Russians had thrust forward 12 miles in the Maloyaroslavets sector, north of Kaluga, and had driven the Germans from 30 villages.

In a 60-miles advance from the Tikhvin sector of the Leningrad front, a special dispatch said, Russian shock troops captured the headquarters of one Gen. Schmidt and seized even his personal effects in his wallpapered dugout.

(The Vichy radio asserted that the Russians had retaken Balaclava, scene of the historic charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimean war in 1854, and thus had regained possession of the entire southern tip of the peninsula. Balaclava is 10 miles south of Sevastopol.)

**Break Nazis' Second Line**

A communique had announced earlier the Russian recapture of two key points on the Moscow front, Lyudinovo, a steel center 40 miles north of Bryansk, and Tikhonova Pustinya, a few miles north of Kaluga.

In taking Lyudinovo, the Russians had broken the so-called second winter defense line which the German high command had selected. It is only 110 miles southeast of Smolensk, where Adolf Hitler was reported to have established headquarters for a personal effort to halt the Russian counter-offensive.

(In London a British Military commentator said that the capture of Lyudinovo was "big news." It was most important, he said, because Germans were still fighting to the east of that town and, thus, they had been far outflanked. The great Russian pincers was now in good position for closing, he said, though its claws were still far apart.)


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# ALLIES HELPING INDIES DEFENSE

## U. S.-Made Planes Drive At Invaders; 6 Jap Transports Sunk.

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Jan. 12 (U. P.).—Allied armed forces, including American-made bombers, struck heavy counter-blows against Japanese invaders of the East Indies today, bombing a Japanese cruiser and two enemy transports and shooting down four enemy planes over Celebes. A Japanese destroyer also was attacked.

The new counter-blows brought the total of enemy transports hit to six, including two torpedoed and sunk by Dutch submarines in the Gulf of Siam. Three Japanese warships have been attacked since the invasion of Celebes and oil-rich Tarakan island began and two cruisers were reported hit.

The latest attacks were described in a communique that emphasized that "our allies are energetically taking part in the fight against the invaders." Both American and Australian airplanes were mentioned in the counter-attacks.

**Report Bitter Fighting**

Bitter fighting was reported in progress against the Japanese seaborne and paracahute troops landed on the Dutch Islands in an effort to seize the rich oil area of Tarakan and Bali Papan, in East Borneo.

(Japanese imperial headquarters in a Tokyo radio broadcast today announced capture of the Celebes port of Manado and surrender of Netherlands East Indies forces on the island of Tarakan.

The Tokyo communique said objective of the move against the Netherlands Indies was "to capture naval and air bases of the enemy who have been hampering the activities of the Japanese vessels in the Philippines and British North Borneo.")

**"Scorched Earth" Planned**

Dutch officials said that all measures had been taken to apply scorched earth tactics in the oil zone, but they expressed hope that Dutch defense forces could hold out for a long time.

The situation at Tarakan admittedly was serious although bitter resistance was in progress. Out of the Dutch oil production which in 1938 totaled 8,300,000 tons, Tarakan provided 750,000 tons of such high quality that it could be pumped directly into ships.

The Japanese had landed men on Tarakan Island, off the northeast coast of Borneo, and at three places in the Minahassa area of northeastern Celebes.

The Dutch commander in Tarakan Island had said, as he awaited the Japanese attack, that the enemy would find nothing but charred oil plants and wells and "dead Dutchmen."

**Peril U. S. Supply Route**

The blow had come just when Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, new United Nations commander in chief in the Far Pacific, was preparing to take up his headquarters in Java.

Military authorities were interested in the developments of Japanese plans in their new drive partly because of the threat to American South Seas communications.

It was said that if the Japanese succeeded in dominating the area it might be necessary for American ships to go around Australia at the cost of one week's sailing time.

**CHILD OVERCOME BY GAS**

Two-year-old Judith Ann Van Scyor, 2045 N. LaSalle St., was overcome by gas escaping from a stove in the kitchen this morning when her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Van Scyor, left to visit a neighbor for a moment. The child was revived as soon as she was taken out into the fresh air.

# Any Bonds Today?

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# CAROLE, HAYS TO SELL THEM

## Hoosier of Hollywood Due Back Thursday to Lend Hand in Campaign.

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the House wing of the National Capitol when Congress declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy. This flag has been given to the state of Indiana for preservation in a museum.

**Display Posters of 1918**

Alex Arch of South Bend, Ind., who fired the first shot by the A. E. F. in the First World War, also will participate in the flag-raising ceremony.

Once the historic banner waves in the breeze on the east side of the Statehouse, the sale of defense bonds will get underway. Bond purchasers will be given red, white and blue receipts signed by the blond movie star and also her photograph.

A display of British and American posters of both the First and Second World Wars has been arranged at the Statehouse for this occasion. Later these posters, valued at $100,000, will be exhibited on the stage at Cadle Tabernacle. They are the property of American Legion National Headquarters.

**Canvass Indiana Employers.**

Miss Lombard will be assisted in bond selling by a committee from the Civic Theater headed by Mrs. Kurt Pantzer.

The Defense Bond Savings Staff today began a canvass of Indiana employers with a plan for payroll allotments toward purchase of defense bonds and stamps. Employers later will submit the plan to their employees.

"You will be expected to allot 10 per cent of your salaries to the purchase of bonds," Boyd Fisher, representative of the Treasury Department, told a group of employers and volunteer workers at the Claypool Saturday.

Judge A. J. Stevenson of the Indiana Appellate Court heads the speakers' bureau of the Defense Bonds Sales Campaign in Indiana. Mr. Pulliam announced his appointment yesterday.

# 3000 TAKE FIELD IN RED CROSS DRIVE

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solicit contributions from executives and employees of industrial plants. He will be assisted by Stanley W. Shipnes, C. Harvey Bradley, H. B. Rose, Robert W. Emerick, George A. Kuhn, W. C. Griffith and C. O. Mueller.

Commercial firms and smaller industrial plants will be contacted by a group headed by Tom Joyce, chairman. His assistants will be Dr. J. William Wright, Dr. Karl Ruddell, William A. Brennan, William A. Hoefgen, Charles S. Rauh, Gorden B. Mess, Frank E. McKinney, Robert E. Sweeney, Marvin E. Hamilton and Carl C. Weiland.

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# JAPS STEP UP LUZON ATTACK

## Blast MacArthur Lines as U. S. and Natives Offset First Assault.

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Hawaii and Australia—but inflicted only slight damage.

3. The Japanese were engaged in three major offensive: Reduction of Gen. MacArthur's forces in the Philippines; an attack on the Dutch islands, and the No. 1 Japanese offensive toward Singapore. American planes and fighting men were in the thick of it. The Dutch reported that American warships shortly may be expected to shoot their way into action in defense of the East Indies.

**Blast Jap Battleship**

4. The news included a second major assault by forces of heavy American bombing planes upon the major forces which Japan has assembled at the base she has established at Davao, 500 miles south of Manila, on the southern Philippines Island of Mindanao. The American bombers attacked a large Japanese fleet concentration in Malalag Bay, setting a Japanese battleship afire.

This appeared to be the fourth enemy battleship blasted by American airmen since start of hostilities, but it was possible that it was the same one on which American heavy bombers scored three direct hits six days ago in the Davao area.

If four battleships have been hit, the U. S. has damaged about one-third of Japan's known capital ship strength.

Because of poor visibility, the bombers were unable to report the full results of their attack against a Japanese fleet, including the battleship, six cruisers, two destroyers, eight transports and 10 smaller vessels.

An anti-aircraft battery ashore was hit in the attack. All the American planes returned to their base undamaged.

**More U. S. Planes Busy**

American bombers also attacked a Japanese cruiser and two large transports in the Celebes sea.

Increasing intervention of the American air arm in the Far East was emphasized by reports from Rangoon that 26 Japanese planes were destroyed in attacks by American and British planes on Japanese air bases in Malaya. From Singapore came hints that American planes will come to the aid of that increasingly endangered British fortress.

The Japanese shelling of Tutuila apparently was of the nuisance type, or may have been designed to test American defensive strength in that key outpost of the island chain to Australia-New Zealand.

# On the War Front Today

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go through a long war with the United Nations if she went at it more cautiously. It is imperative for her to get her hands on the resources of the Indies and do it soon, so that "scorched earth" damage can be repaired and they can be exploited to enable Japan to settle down for a long war.

So Japan "shot the works" in a well-conceived plan to deliver telling body blows in the first round of the fight. So far they are succeeding. Despite the wide range of their operations, there is no sign that they have spread themselves too thin. There is no ground for optimistic hope that they have shot their bolt and will begin to lose steam.

If Japan takes Singapore, the Allied task of defending the Indies will be made vastly more difficult. The loss of its naval and air base facilities will be keenly felt. Sumatra, separated from Singapore by a narrow straight, would be open to furious assault by land-based planes and by parachute and water-borne troops.

Even so, the Indies would be no pushover for the Japanese. The Dutch have built up their defenses strongly. They have a large and well-trained Army and an efficient Navy and air force. The latter has given an excellent account of itself in current operations in the south China Sea.

This second phase of the war might extend into the unpredictable future. If the Japanese win it in a reasonable time, however, the United Nation will face a much more formidable foe. The Japanese already have coal. In the Indies they would find all the oil they need, plus rubber, tin and other important supplies.

Japan still would be short of iron ore and some other basic metals but probably not enough to hamstring her war effort. Moreover, by taking the Indies, she will have deprived Britain and the United States of their main source of some vital materials, notably tin and rubber.

**NAZIS ATTACK CONVOY**

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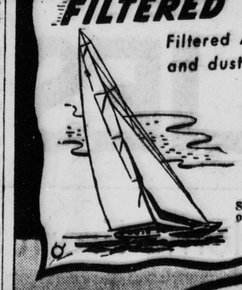

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