

HAZARD SEEN IN LOCAL HOUSING

Social Groups Make Survey; Find 8000 New Dwellings Are Needed.

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tation. The majority of housing units under construction are for sale only."

The Association's housing committee said that the majority of defense workers who migrate to the City do not want to purchase houses and can find few rental vacancies.

The Council estimated that there are 62,000 persons living in houses which need major repairs in Marion County. Of this number, 8000 live in houses unfit for human habitation.

"This," the Council stated, "is a shocking social situation."

Denies Workers Stay Away

Mr. Wild said that the Government was concerned only with the housing of defense workers. The determination of whether defense housing is needed in any community, he said, is based on whether defense workers will refuse to come to a community because of inadequate housing.

If the housing situation interferes in this way with the defense program then private builders have failed and the Government steps in," he said.

"We have in our files letters from the heads of industries here engaged in the production of war materials and supplies indicating that no workers have refused to come to Indianapolis because of the housing situation."

Bomb Snuffing Taught at Shortridge



Students at Shortridge High School learned another lesson of war today. Miss Gloria Adams, 1836 Mansfield Ave., a junior, got an "A" for Action—as she demonstrated how to snuff out an incendiary bomb with carbon dioxide gas. The two men in uniform behind her told her how to do it. They were Charles Gregory (left), fire battalion chief, and Bernard Lynch, chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

FALLS 22 FLOORS TO DEATH
NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (U. P.)—A man identified as John A. Stevenson Jr., Springdale, Pa., jumped or fell to his death today from a window on the 22d floor of the Hotel New Yorker.

Let Donald Duck Explain That Tax

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (U. P.)—If you are having trouble figuring out your income tax, just be patient and Donald Duck soon will explain the problem in technicolor.

The Treasury has arranged with Walt Disney for production of a film, "The New Spirit," in which Donald Duck figures out his income tax.

The film is to be distributed free to theaters within the next 10 days.

Donald Duck's own income tax status was determined by Treasury officials to be "head of the family" because of Donald Duck's three adopted nephews. "For whose maintenance he has a legal and moral obligation."

DIES CALLS KLAN CHIEF
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (U. P.)—Chairman Martin Dies (D. Tex.) of the House Un-American Activities Committee, said today that his group would hear testimony Monday by J. A. Colescott, Atlanta, Ga., Imperial Wizard of the Ku-Klux Klan.

STREET RAILWAYS HERE FACE CRISIS

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many cases only 15 or 20 minute changes in the working hours of certain plants and business firms will be necessary.

This change will accompany the educational campaign being sponsored by the company to induce housewives and others to use the lines as much as possible between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.

"This means leaving the house after 9 and being off the street car or bus before 4," one official emphasized.

The bus lines now most heavily over-taxed in rush hours are Speedway, Stockyards, 21st-Arlington and Main Hill.

The trackless trolley lines most affected are Northwestern, Brightwood, English Ave., S. East St., Pennsylvania-Minnesota, West Indianapolis, West Michigan and West 10th St. Street car lines overtaxed include the Washington and W. Michigan St.

HOPES LIFTED AT RIO AGAIN

Brazil Warns Argentina and Chile Against Stalling on Break With Axis.

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prior to the full hemisphere defense committee session.

Ruiz Guinazu said "there is a possibility of a public session this afternoon," indicating that an accord might be announced. Rosetti said:

"There will be concrete and final decisions this afternoon. Continental solidarity will not be broken."

Phrasing of Text Involved

The controversy hinges on the phrasing of the text. Brazilians said they were confident that the deadlock over the resolution would be broken today. However, it was believed that the other 20 American nations would proceed to approve the severance resolution today regardless of Argentina's action.

Argentina balked at two words in the revised resolution. It said the American nations "cannot continue" diplomatic relations with the Axis because of its aggressions. The Argentine Government wanted it to read: "The American nations "can discontinue" diplomatic relations.

Had the other nations agreed to the rewording, their emergency conference would have been for nothing, because, it was pointed out, any nation not under the heel of the Axis "can discontinue" diplomatic relations any time it wants.

Argentine observers were angered by the denunciation of Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, of Argentina's attitude.

Reports spread that Germany, and probably the other members of the Axis, had warned Brazil anew that a diplomatic break would be regarded as a declaration of war.

U. S. NAVAL SKIPPER IN ORIENT HONORED

SOMEWHERE IN JAVA, DUTCH EAST INDIES, Jan. 23 (U. P.)—Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander in chief of Allied naval forces in the Far East, awarded the Navy Cross to Lieut. Comm. William Kabler, skipper of the U. S. S. Heron, a seaplane tender, today.

Under Kabler's command the Heron last month fought off a persistent Japanese air attack and although hit by a bomb it made its base safely.

'Lonely Private' Meets Girl Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (U. P.)—Marie Thomas, 12, dropped a piece of paper with her name, address and the injunction "write me," on it from her family's car 18 months ago.

Two days ago, at her home in Arlington, Va., she got the following letter from a "lonely private" at Ft. Belvoir:

"I am an ardent admirer of popular dance music and enjoy dancing as a jitterbug, also enjoy waltzing. Please write me. I will hold my breath until you answer."

Today Marie's mother, Mrs. Claude Thomas, said Marie was a bit young for dates, but said she would invite the soldier up for a week-end, anyway.

Mrs. Thomas will get the "lonely private" a date, too, "with some nice girl and they can jitterbug and waltz as much as they want to."

DUTCH BLAST 8 JAP SHIPS

12 Direct Hits Scored; British Forced Back Toward Singapore.

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battleship, two cruisers, a destroyer and four transports were hit directly by Dutch bombs that ranged up to 660 pounds—sufficient to cause fatal damage to a warship in most instances and to sink a transport.

Transports Smashed

One large transport was smashed by one of the heaviest bombs as was the big warship, the communiqué reported. Dive bombers swooped down on two other large transports, a destroyer and a smaller vessel, scoring direct hits on all, according to the communiqué.

Whether American flying fortresses which are now in the Dutch East Indies took part in the operations was not indicated by the communiqué, which referred only to Dutch army bombers and fighters.

Despite British withdrawals on all three fronts in Malaya, furious fighting continued less than 60 miles from Singapore.

Fall Back in Malaya

The Japanese had penetrated the Batu Pahat sector on the west coast, 60 miles north of Singapore Island, and then turned toward the central Malaya front, where there was heavy fighting in the Cheah River sector, 72 miles north of the naval base, before the British were forced to fall back.

On the east coast, the Japanese had forced their way into the Mersing sector, 64 miles north of Singapore.

Aerial activity continued to increase on both sides with new enemy attacks on Singapore, where eight or 10 Japanese craft have been brought down in the last 24 hours.

Use Snaky Tactics

The west coast was the vital zone in the present phase of operations. Infiltrations continued and in addition the Japanese were still leapfrogging down the coast in an attempt to get a large force behind the imperial lines.

As they snaked down the coast, the Japanese also tried without giving in direct battle to the heavily outnumbered defense forces, to work inland and gain control of the road system which crosses Malaya from west to east, thus joining their east and west coast forces for the decisive battle which is at hand.

Gen. Henry Gordon Bennett, the Australian commander in Malaya, was increasingly serious in his confidential reviews of the situation at his rubber plantation headquarters, but he, like his men and the remainder of the imperial forces, were cheerful and ready for the test.

South of Singapore

South of Singapore, the Japanese bombed the Dutch bases at Belawan, the port for Medan in northern Sumatra, for the third time, and struck at Sabang and Gorontalo airfield, which the Dutch were using to fight the enemy invasion of northern Celebes island.

A Japanese squadron also bombed Palembang airport, in southern Sumatra, while Dutch craft blasted the Japanese at Kuching, the capital of enemy-held Sarawak, on the north Borneo coast.

The Japanese ruled the air over the island groups north and east of Australia, with "clouds" of enemy craft reported over New Guinea. A Japanese fleet was operating in that area. Australian officials expected an invasion.

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ACQUITTED OFFICER PLANS TO LECTURE

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 23 (U. P.)—

Col. H. C. Kress Muhlenberg, Army air officer who was acquitted two days ago by a court-martial of

charges of criticizing governmental policies, said today that he will lecture professionally when he retires in a few weeks.

Muhlenberg, former commander of Hickam Field, Hawaii, expects to make his home at Seattle.

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