

N. SINGAPORE IS EVACUATED

Civilians Ordered Away to
Brace Island Defense
Against Japs.

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kok, and British lines were reported fighting the Japanese east of the Sawle River, on which the important city of Moulmein, Burma, is located.

British forces in Libya were believed to be organized to strike at the Axis armored forces, which have regained 145 miles south of Benghazi, in an effort to achieve a decisive knockout blow following a devastating R. A. F. attack on the enemy concentrations.

The Red Army forces forward southwest of Moscow, probably recaptured Bryansk, in a drive to close the southern army of a pincer on Smolensk. More than 100 villages were recovered according to reports in the last 24 hours.

Attention on Far East

Great attention still centered on Allied thrusts against the Japanese in the Far East.

Victims of United Nations' air and sea attacks in the Macassar Straits include at least one battleship, an aircraft carrier, five cruisers and more than a dozen large troop transports, as well as lesser transports and destroyers.

The toll of downed Japanese aircraft attempting to protect the convoy now is at least 15.

These blows, while crippling on the big-scale Japanese drive in the Far East and the enemy still was making slow but costly progress toward his main objectives.

VICTOR SEITER SR. DIES

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 28 (U.P.)—Victor Seiter Sr., well-known banker and president of the Loganport State Bank for 37 years, died yesterday at his home. He was 72. He was prominent in lodge and fraternal organizations.

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The first great air and naval clash between the Allies and Japan took place in Macassar Strait. American flying bombers blasted an enemy armada again today in the strait, sinking a large transport and bombing a cruiser.

Ninth Ship Sunk Off Coast; 29 in Crew of 32 Rescued

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from a submarine's torpedoing and shelling.

At least 110 seamen have lost their lives in those attacks, and in the case of the attack on the tanker Coimbra on Jan. 16, the Navy has never disclosed how many, if any, crewmen were missing.

Twenty-nine survivors of the Francis E. Powell crew of 32 were put ashore at the fishing village of Lewes, Del. Two others were known to be dead and one was unaccounted for.

A wave upset one of the two life-boats which were being lowered from the Francis E. Powell, and only three men from that boat were rescued. The survivors were in a lifeboat for seven hours before they were picked up by another tanker, the W. C. Fairbanks. Three of the survivors were injured, one seriously.

The entire crew of 40 men on the Norwegian Tanker Veranger, which was sunk Sunday, were landed at

WAR TO END FISHING AT GREENWOOD LAKE

BURNS CITY, Ind., Jan. 28 (U.P.)—Hoosier anglers found today that even fishing isn't immune to war restrictions.

Greenwood Lake, largest artificial lake in Indiana and favorite spot of Southern Indiana fishermen, will be closed to the public for the duration.

Capt. D. G. Oberlin, officer in charge at the Burns City Naval Ammunition Depot, told a conference of Indiana conservationists and State officials yesterday that because of the lake's location in the Strait of Macassar; the Philippines and the Australian islands.

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Spectacular Sea Action

The Japanese have gained footholds on each, but so far are being held in check as reasonably as could be expected, considering their superior numbers and striking power.

The Borneo-Celebes area is, for the moment, the most spectacular field of action. The Japanese are believed to have sent an invasion fleet of some 100 ships into the Strait of Macassar. This fleet ap-

Today's War Moves

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE
United Press War Analyst

The Japanese time table in the attempt to conquer the southwestern Pacific in a lightning stroke now faces its supreme test.

The Japanese pattern of attack has been unfolded completely. Spearheads have been sent out in five directions. There is no apparent new front for the Japanese to open until and if the present objectives have been gained and consolidated.

These objectives must be attained quickly if at all. President Roosevelt has revealed that, while in no way neglecting other world fronts, American aid is being poured into the Pacific. Japan has to reap her preliminary harvest before this aid becomes fully effective.

The encouraging development, from the viewpoint of the United Nations, is that the advancing spearheads are meeting stout resistance at all points.

Japan Pace Slowed Down

Japanese progress has been slowed from the pace of the first swift attacks and there seems a good prospect that the time table will be thrown out of gear, just as Hitler's was in Russia.

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parently was aimed at Java, the richest prize of the Indies.

But the American and Dutch sea and air forces apparently have put more than a fourth of this fleet out of action, and the battle probably still is in progress. It is there that the time table may receive its first severe setback.

Singapore "Tough Job"

In Burma, the British defenders, aided by American planes, are holding back the drive to the sea against Moulmein. Lower Burma has not yet been cut off.

In Malaya, the defenders are falling back slowly for a massed stand at the tip of the peninsula, with Singapore at their backs. If they are overcome, the island fortress still stands as a citadel which the Japanese must take by storm.

It is apparent that the defense of Singapore was planned against assault by sea, not by land.

Meet Stout Resistance

Only in recent months, when Japan's plan of attack was suspected, did the British hastily try to mend their defenses in the peninsula.

In the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur is still holding an overwhelming Japanese force at bay.

The Japanese had hoped to sweep the Philippines in short order and to deploy the forces engaged there against the Indies.

Finally, the Japanese seem to be meeting stout resistance in northeastern Australia, especially at Rabaul on New Britain Island.

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