

SMASH ENEMY BOATS IN BURMA

R.A.F. Sinks Many Barges; Singapore's Big Guns Blast at Foe. (Continued from Page One)

fire and disrupted an offensive toward the Burma Road.

SINGAPORE—British artillery and airplanes attacked Japanese massed in the Johore Bahru sector for big attack on besieged Singapore Island. One of three enemy ships was sunk.

LIBYA—The Axis armored counter-offensive pushed the British back through Barce to within 60 miles of Derna.

RUSSIA—Red Army advances if the snow-swept Ukraine continued with the reported capture of the town of Gavrilovka, 65 miles south of Kharkov, in a drive to cut off Germans in the Crimea and on the coast of the Sea of Azov.

The fury with which the Japanese were attacking in great strength on almost all sectors of the Far Eastern front emphasized that they were gambling on a quick victory that would give them key Allied bases and lines of communications which are now in grave danger despite the most stubborn resistance and slashing Allied counter-thrusts.

Press Burma Drive

No British planes were lost in the attack on the Japanese invasion forces attempting to cross the Salween river barrier in Burma, northeast of Moulmein. The attack was made by the R. A. F. after the Japanese troops, following the occupation of Moulmein, attempted to cross the river to march toward Rangoon, 200 miles away, by land.

The barges were attacked by British Blenheim bombers, with an escort of British fighter planes.

The Japanese attempted to attack the British planes with machine-gun fire but their guns were silenced by the Blenheims.

Evacuees from Moulmein reported that an Imperial rearguard held off the Japanese attack until the evacuation of the city was completed.

Turn Big Naval Guns

The last we saw of them they were swimming for it under fire from the Japanese across the Salween, a refugee reported.

At Singapore, key British naval base on the 5000-mile far eastern front, British heavy guns and airplanes battered the enemy concentrations of large forces in the Johore Bahru sector while Japanese artillery and bomber planes began pounding at the besieged island.

The British, after withdrawing from the mainland, apparently had managed to turn the fixed long-range guns at the naval base so they could be operated against the enemy on the peninsula.

A British communiqué said reinforcements had reached the island.

Important Port Falls

One of three small Japanese ships that ventured into the Singapore Island water in a preliminary invasion thrust was sunk by gunfire.

Dutch land forces were reported fighting stubbornly against superior numbers of Japanese landed under heavy aerial and naval bombardment near the airfields on Ambon, important naval-air base 660 miles north of Australia's Port Darwin.

The Japanese were unofficially reported to have taken Pontianak, the most important port on the west coast of Borneo and a base for direct attack on the main Dutch islands.

Pontianak would give the enemy a stepping stone for a quick thrust at the important tin islands of Bangka—which was bombed by the Japanese today—and Billiton, as well as at rich Sumatra and Java, where the United Nations Supreme Command is located.

DEBT CHARGES GROW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (U. P.)—Interest charges on the war-swollen public debt will amount to about \$1,450,000,000 during fiscal 1943—\$200,000,000 more than they are this year—the House Appropriations Committee estimated today.

"I TALKED WITH GOD"

(Yes I Did—Actually and Literally)



and as a result of that little talk with God, a strange Power came into my life. After 42 years of horrible, dismal, sickening futility, everything took on a brighter hue. It's fascinating to talk with God, and it can be done very easily once you learn the secret. And when you do—well—there will come into your life the same dynamic Power which came into mine. The shackles of defeat and fear which bound me for years, went a-shimmering—and now—

President of the News Review Publishing Company, which corporate publishes the largest circulating afternoon daily in North Idaho. I own the largest office building in my City. I drive two beautiful cars. I own my own home which has a lovely parlor in it, and my family are abundantly provided for after I'm gone. And all this has been made possible because, one day, about twelve years ago, I actually and literally talked with God.

You too may experience that strange mystical Power which comes from talking with God,

THERE'S REAL POWER HERE
★ ★ ★
"Psychiana" is a most spiritual religious corporation. The Movement was born in Moscow, Idaho in 1918. It is internationally known as the largest religious Movement in the world. It is now operating entirely by our conception. God is the only Power which is the Spirit of the Movement. The Movement has been successful in reaching all men and women because of the fact that the most dynamic Power on the earth today is the Power of God. This Power is very real. You may know what it can do for you. All preliminary and explanatory information is free. Requests for booklets filed in order received. Copyright, 1940, Psychiana, Inc., Moscow, Idaho.

Fleet on Atlantic Convoy Duty



Far out on the Atlantic, British warships await a convoy, the escort of which they are to take over from U. S. warships. This photo shows officers on the bridge of the senior British ship, as they watch the convoy approaching. It is one of the first pictures of U. S. Navy ships on Atlantic convoy duty to reach New York.

INDORSE WHITE IN MAYOR RACE

AYRES AND BOSSON SPEAK TO COUNTY HIGHWAYS EMPLOYEE'S CLUB.

Municipal Judge Dan V. White has indorsed by County Commissioner William T. Ayres and William Bossom Jr. for Mayor on the Republican ticket in the May 5 primary.

At a meeting of the County Highways employee's club Saturday at the County yards, Mr. Ayres reviewed the qualifications of the various mayoralty candidates and said:

"Dan White is the kind of a candidate we can elect. If this group goes behind him, the organization has to take him." Mr. Bossom also spoke in Mr. White's favor.

Approximately 100 of the highway club members live in the City and many of them are precinct commissioners. They are active in G. O. P. affairs and received their appointments Jan. 1 when the Republicans took control of the Commissioners' office.

Judge White, who has been a member of the Municipal Court since its creation, has been mentioned frequently for the mayor's race but has not indicated whether he will be a candidate.

He also has been mentioned for probate court judge.

COURSES OFFERED IN AIRCRAFT RADIO

Courses in aircraft radio communication have been organized by the Roscoe Turner Aeronautical Corp. to help fill the Government's need for men with training of this type.

The courses will include maintenance, operation, repair and installation of all types of radio receivers, transmitters, and direction-finding equipment. Students must qualify for restricted operators' licenses to be eligible for advanced courses, but men with previous experience will be admitted if they can qualify for certain classes of Federal Communications Commission operators' certificates.

Classes will be held five days and five nights each week to accommodate day and night workers.

Martin Williams, aviation radio engineer, will have charge of the school. Col. Turner has also announced the formation of classes in aircraft drafting, layout and blueprint reading.

'AMONG THE DEAD ALSO IS MY SON'

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (U. P.)—The Rev. Roy W. Merrifield, an overseas chaplain in the first World War, stood besides a floral spray and spoke in a calm, firm voice.

To worshippers at the suburban Plymouth Congregational Church he suggested that the closing hymn be omitted so he could read a list of members of the congregation serving in the nation's armed forces. He read the list and concluded:

"And also my son, Jacques, who was a member of this church. He was killed Dec. 30 while he was guarding Clark Field on Ia-

son, according to a message I received from the War Department this morning."

The Rev. Merrifield walked to his post at the door of the church where he heard expressions of sympathy and offered his usual farewell handshake.

CHILEANS ELECT ANTI-FASCIST

Newly Chosen President Is Expected to Cut Off All Ties With Axis.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 2 (U. P.)—The election of Juan Antonio Rios, presidential candidate of the "anti-Fascist democratic front," was regarded today as a triumph for Chile's pro-democratic forces.

Observers predicted one of the first acts of his regime would be to sever all relations with the Axis powers.

Rios, a radical party member, defeated his rightist opponent, Gen. Carlos Ibanez Del Campo, by 55,945 votes in yesterday's election—which was one of the quietest in many years. Within 60 days he will be inaugurated for a six-year term, succeeding Pedro Aguirre Cerda, who died in November.

Rios campaigned mainly on an anti-Fascist platform and his vote of 257,960 against 202,035 for Ibanez was regarded as a mandate against Germany, Italy and Japan.

GOVERNOR IS GIVEN STATE FAIR CONTROL

(Continued from Page One)

status of the State Fair Board unchanged. He pointed out that the 16 members of the Board, all of whom get their appointments from the Governor, have entire control over the management of the State Fair and may appoint their own secretary and manager.

The Fair Board is expected to outlast Paul Dunn, secretary to Mr. Dawson, who has also been serving as manager of the State Fair.

The patronage involved in the permanent operation of the Fair Grounds is of a minor nature. Lee Waynick, a Republican, serves as custodian of the Fair Grounds property, and there are about 10 permanent Fair Grounds employees.

In his opinion, the Attorney General held that the bond issues which have been issued against the Fair Grounds property are valid.

Others Held Bonds Legal

He pointed out that former attorneys general have held the Fair Grounds bonds to be legal because they are (under a 1923 law) obligations against the Board of Agriculture (now the Fair Board) and not against the state itself. Under the Constitution, the State cannot issue bonds.

Both Governor Schricker and former Governor M. Clifford Townsend served as commissioners of agriculture when they were lieutenant governors. Their appointments, however, were by executive order of the Governor and not by an act of the legislature.

Mr. Schricker's first act when he took office last spring was to name his successor, Mr. Dawson, as Commissioner of Agriculture. Then the legislature came along and made Mr. Dawson Commissioner of Agriculture by law, an act which the attorney general said was invalid.

I want to give you these two booklets. I want to give you also illustrated circulars, and copies of letters which tell what is being accomplished all over the world through this new strange teaching. If you will send me your name and address on a post-card or in a letter, these two booklets will come to you free of charge. This experience may sound unbelievable, but it's true or I wouldn't tell you it was. The address is Dr. Frank B. Robinson, Dept. 447, Moscow, Idaho.

You too may experience that strange mystical Power which comes from talking with God,

NAVY AVENGES PEARL HARBOR

U. S. Forces Blast Six Bases on Marshall, Gilbert Islands.

(Continued from Page One)

Pearl Harbor, except that the Japanese attacked while still negotiating for peace.

The term "fleet auxiliaries" was not clarified by the Navy. It said only that "no large enemy combatant vessels were found."

Auxiliary vessels usually include all parts of the fleet train except fighting ships—transports, tenders, tankers and the many other smaller ships that serve the fleet.

The American force must have been of considerable proportions, since it was looking for and was prepared to meet major enemy warships.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, said in a statement in Honolulu that warships of all types participated in the attack.

The fleet action came only about a week after Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox had warned that we should not expect major naval action in the Pacific soon.

The attack was carried out with surface and air units of the fleet, the latter apparently from aircraft carriers.

The attack blasted at enemy bases on Wotje, Makin, Jaluit islands and it was indicated that Japanese plans for new offensive action in that area—2200 miles from Honolulu—had been broken up.

Only Minor U. S. Losses

The navy reported only minor damage to two of its surface vessels, "slight" personal losses, and the loss of 11 aircraft.

It was the first time the Pacific Fleet, under Admiral Nimitz, has been mentioned in major action by the Navy. The brilliant successes in the battle of the Strait of Macassar were won by units of the Asiatic Fleet under Admiral Thomas Hart.

The destruction of the Japanese force attempting to "take" Corregidor was spectacular support of the belief of many military experts that Gen. Douglas MacArthur might be able to hold that fortress indefinitely.

Bay Forts on Alert

The invasion force massed at the port of Ternate, on the mainland 10 miles across the mouth of Manila Bay from Corregidor. But American forts at the opening of the bay—Corregidor, Ft. Drum, Ft. Frank and Ft. Hughes—were on the alert.

Once the invaders were assembled all the guns of those forts turned suddenly and let loose a barrage that literally blew the invaders out of the water.

There was no indication of the size of the Japanese force, but it was believed that an attempt to take Corregidor would not be made with anything but a major unit, fully equipped.

MAPS Health Program

A State-wide emergency medical program, to be set up in each County, and a health program to make every Hoosier physically fit were outlined by Dr. Ferres.

A key to the health program, he said, was the nutrition campaign which is designed to bring to all citizens a realization of the importance of proper diet.

Don Stiver, State Safety director, outlined plans for the training of auxiliary firemen and policemen in all the counties.

No Strikes in State

Thomas R. Hutson, State Labor Commissioner, pointed out that there are no strikes in the State in either defense or non-defense industries.

"Since Pearl Harbor, not a single man hour of work has been lost in Indiana defense plants because of labor difficulties," he said.

Mrs. George W. Jaqua of Winchester, State Defense Council women's division director, urged women to put all their effort into war work and the home defense program.

EMERGENCY POWER FOR MAYOR ASKED

City Council tonight will be asked to grant Mayor Sullivan emergency powers to carry out civilian defense measures for the State Fair.

An ordinance outlining a civilian defense organization for the City under the Mayor is to be introduced by the City Legal Department. It is based on a model ordinance drawn by the City of San Francisco.

The measure gives the Mayor and regular and auxiliary police units under his authority to enforce blackouts, install air raid warning signals, organize auxiliary fire services, appoint air-raid wardens, bomb squads, demolition crews, road repair crews and first aid units.

Under the blackout enforcement provision, the showing of light from homes, buildings or automobiles would become a public nuisance if a blackout were ordered.

The ordinance was presented to the Legal Department last week by the Safety Board.

The Fair Board is expected to outlast Paul Dunn, secretary to Mr. Dawson, who has also been serving as manager of the State Fair.

The patronage involved in the permanent operation of the Fair Grounds is of a minor nature. Lee Waynick, a Republican, serves as custodian of the Fair Grounds property, and there are about 10 permanent Fair Grounds employees.

In his opinion, the Attorney General held that the bond issues which have been issued against the Fair Grounds property are valid.

The land in Vermilion County, totaling 21,048.2 acres, will become the site of the \$53,500,000 Wabash Valley Ordnance plant, while 7271 acres will be acquired in Johnson and Bartholomew Counties for construction of the Army cantonment.

The land in Vermilion County, totaling 21,048.2 acres, will become the site of the \$53,500,000 Wabash Valley Ordnance plant, while 7271 acres will be acquired in Johnson and Bartholomew Counties for construction of the Army cantonment.

In his opinion, the Attorney General held that the bond issues which have been issued against the Fair Grounds property are valid.

The land in Vermilion County, totaling 21,048.2 acres, will become the site of the \$53,500,000 Wabash Valley Ordnance plant, while 7271 acres will be acquired in Johnson and Bartholomew Counties for construction of the Army cantonment.

In his opinion, the Attorney General held that the bond issues which have been issued against the Fair Grounds property are valid.

The land in Vermilion County, totaling 21,048.2 acres, will become the site of the \$53,500,000 Wabash Valley Ordnance plant, while 7271 acres will be acquired in Johnson and Bartholomew Counties for construction of the Army cantonment.

In his opinion, the Attorney