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ABANDON HOPE FOR SINGAPORE

U. S. CONTROLS SUPPLY LINES, WRITER SAYS

Keeps Reinforcements to Far Pacific Moving; Blow to Jap Plans.

BOSTON, Feb. 10 (U. P.).—The Christian Science Monitor in a copyright dispatch from Wellington, New Zealand, says today that the "battle of the supply line" from America's factories to the Far Pacific battle front has been won. The dispatch came from Joseph C. Harsch, a Monitor staff correspondent who arrived at Wellington with the first unit of Admiral Herbert F. Leary's American forces to reach New Zealand.

Way Stations Secured
"Japan has suffered its first serious reverse," the article says. "An American admiral commands the terminus of the supply route. The way stations have been secured. Bluejackets are here. And the way is open for reinforcements and the vital weapons of war."

Mr. Harsch says he "can testify from 4000 miles of travel from Hawaii in several different units of the American fleet . . . that the Japanese have fooled themselves if they think the attack on Pearl Harbor paralyzed the American fleet."

Channels Wide Open
Since the attack, Mr. Harsch says, long lines of communication vital to ultimate success in the Pacific "have been nailed down hard with reinforcements and ceaseless naval patrols—until today the channels are wide open."

"Japan's best guaranty of victory was to close that line. Japan still is capable of delivering powerful blows from its inner lines of communication. But American forces already have won the battle of access to the Far Pacific."

29 Die as Jap Sub Sinks U. S. Transport

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (U. P.).—The War Department announced today that a small army transport has been torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese submarine in Hawaiian waters with the loss of 29 lives.

The transport's loss was announced in an Army communique. It was the Royal T. Frank.

In the same communique it was announced that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Philippine troops are engaged in savage operations against the Japanese.

Our troops, the communique said, shot down seven more Japanese planes during the past 24 hours, bringing the total confirmed as destroyed in the Philippines to 163. The enemy suffered heavy casualties, it added.

The torpedoing of the 224-ton transport Frank occurred Jan. 28. The communique said that 33 survivors reached an undisclosed port. The ship was used as a small inter-island freighter.

M'NUTT IS SEEN AS 'RECEIVER' FOR OGD

Times Special
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt may become a sort of receiver in bankruptcy for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's division of the Office of Civilian Defense, it was reported today.

The former Indiana governor said however, that if such is the case, he would want unhampered control and the power to do a good executive job.

"I don't like being a receiver in bankruptcy, or a veterinarian to a sick horse," he commented.

Those who predict that OGD will be liquidated declare that its functions will be divided between the War Department and Federal Security Administration. The War Department would take over OGD air raid and other defense organizations and Mr. McNutt's agency the "volunteer participation activities."

Navy Engineers Inspect Capsized Normandie



Down this morning found the Normandie resting on her side in the ice-clogged Hudson River after fire had swept the superstructure of the great ship yesterday afternoon. The bow is pointing to the elevated highway in the foreground. (This Acme telephoto was made with Army-Navy approval for publication.)

RAPS LOAFING BY STATE WORKERS

Governor Urges Heads of All Departments to Save Time, Materials.

By EARL RICHETT
The wasting of time by State employees, particularly in drinking "cokes" during working hours, was criticized severely by Governor Schricker today.

"I don't want to be fault-finding or critical," the Governor told State department heads in a meeting called to discuss the conservation of the use of State automobiles and tires, "but I believe we are still wasting time in State departments."

Cites 'Lot of Loafing'
The Governor recalled that he had removed the second floor lunch counter because too many employees were wasting time there and that he had permitted a small counter to be installed on the first floor in its place.

"It's not general," he said, "but there is a lot of loafing going on around here now and people are noticing it."

"I told my employees that if they wanted to drink a 'coke' they should do it in our own office. If things are not better soon, I will have the new counter taken out. This may appear like a small matter but it isn't."

Conservation Urged

The Governor told department heads that nothing should be wasted and that they should go through their equipment, weeding out all that is not usable and sell it.

"Every department should cut down on the use of cars and tires to the greatest extent possible," he said. "We should set an example for our people for saving whenever it is possible."

C. Anderson Ketchum, State budget director, discussed the curtailment of the use of State automobiles with department heads following the Governor's talk.

Filipino-Led 5th Column in Japs' Pay Exposed by U. S.

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON
NRA Service Military Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Our most dangerous fifth columnists today are neither Germans, Italians nor Japanese. They are the small, venomous proportion of anti-American Cubans, Puerto Ricans and especially Filipinos in this country.

Doubtful dangerous because unsuspected, they are stealthily undermining our war effort by espionage in our armed forces and sabotage in our factories—and all on behalf of Japan.

These sinister activities are directed by one of the Orient's most dangerous terrorist movements which, unsuspected, has come to America from the Philippines.

There, as the "Sakdalistas" they have agitated against American influence and against Commonwealth President Manuel Quezon and all other Filipino leaders, favoring a sort of anarcho-communism.

They have caused riots and bloodshed. Recently their leader, Benigno Ramos, after exile in Japan, used Japanese money, but he has confined it to the lower classes of Manila.

U. S. SEEKS GROUND AT JEFFERSONVILLE

Goes to Court to Annex Shipyard and Docks.

Condemnation proceedings were under way today in Federal court allowing the United States Government to annex the Howard Shipyard and Dock Co. at Jeffersonville.

Federal authorities deposited a check for \$79,395.47 with the court at the time of filing the suit yesterday, representing the value of the property as determined by Government assessors.

The area sought consists of 27 acres with a frontage along the Ohio River.

The Howard Shipyard and Dock Co. is under lease, it was learned today, to the Howard Shipyard Properties, Inc., a company whose articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State late last November.

Incorporators of the new company were Sidney Miller, Harold H. Bredell and William J. Kinnally. (Continued on Page Two)

Half of Hoosier Farmers' Cars Doomed In Year by Tire Rationing, Foust Fears

By WILLIAM CRABB

Fifty per cent of Hoosier farmers' automobiles will be off the road in a year because of present tire rationing restrictions, Edmond C. Foust of the Indiana Farm Bureau claimed today.

Mr. Foust is publicity director of the Bureau and editor of The Hoosier Farmer, its official publication. He charged that farmers have been considered nothing more than "economic slaves chained to the 'food for freedom' machine."

"Twenty-five years ago most farmers had a good driving horse and the proper equipment for short travel," Mr. Foust said. "Today not one farm in a thousand has a good driving horse. Hundreds of farm-

ers have no horses. The tire mandate of today means eventual walking as the only means of transportation for farmers."

Mr. Foust said that the stream of purchasing power which has flown so readily to the cities and towns "dries up as the tires blow out."

"Then will appear the ghost cities . . . the farmers of America must have tires or the business world soon will feel the dent of depression," he said.

Mr. Foust contended that the need for tires is a hundred-fold greater in rural districts than in the cities and that there is enough rubber and rubber substitutes to keep American farm cars running. "Of course, farmers still have the mail order catalog to while

CAUSE OF BLAZE IN LINER SOUGHT

Sabotage Not Entirely Ruled Out; Disorder Among Workers Denied.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (U. P.).—Navy engineers inspected the buckled plates and scorched decks of the liner Normandie today as the vessel, renamed the U. S. S. Lafayette for war conversion, lay helplessly on her side in the ice-clogged Hudson River.

Fireboats still poured water on the sprawling hulk and quenched one smoldering remnant of the fire which broke out on the \$60,000,000 vessel yesterday.

As Navy engineers examined the Normandie for the possibility of speedy salvage and resumption of the enormous task of converting her, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation questioned survivors of the fire for a report to the Navy on its cause.

Blame Acetylene Torch
The Navy and New York fire departments officially attributed the fire to a welder's acetylene torch, which an eyewitness said had sprayed sparks onto highly inflammable kerosene. Sabotage was not definitely ruled out, however, since the FBI had not completed its investigation.

Navy officers denied a wave of waterfront rumors about sabotage. (Continued on Page Two)

PURPLE HEART AID GIVEN 30 DAYS, FINE

Convicted of Soliciting for Charity Without License.

Found guilty on a charge of soliciting for a charity without a license, Herbert F. Mitchell, adjutant of the local chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart, today was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail by Municipal Judge John McNeil.

Mitchell immediately posted bond for an appeal to Circuit Court. Mitchell and three others, who were discharged today, were arrested Jan. 23 on affidavits filed by Albert Mendenhall of the Better Business Bureau in connection with the sale of tickets for a "George Washington Birthday Ball" at the Columbia Club Feb. 21.

The others—Perry Knight of the Warren Hotel, George C. Baker of 515 Ripple Road, and D. R. Lee of the English Hotel—were released by Judge McNeil when witnesses failed to identify them as having sold tickets.

Toner M. Overly, manager of the Better Business Bureau, charged that the solicitors in selling the dance tickets for \$1.50 apiece, were "trying to cash in on public sentiment by telling prospective purchasers that the proceeds were to be used for wounded soldiers of this war."

DEFENDERS HELPLESS AGAINST SWARMS OF JAP DIVE-BOMBERS

NIPPON AIMS STRONG BLOWS TOWARD JAVA

Chiang Kai-Shek Seeks India's Aid in Fight For Burma Road.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
United Press Foreign Editor

Japan threw tremendous power into thrusts deeper into the united nations front today in the battle of the Southwest Pacific.

On the embattled island of Singapore, in the strategic Dutch island sleeping stones to Java and the Philippines, the enemy offensive battered its way closer to the most important allied bases and communications lines.

There were strong indications that the Japanese were making their greatest effort to achieve substantial gains by Wednesday, the most important holiday in Japan celebrating the founding of the dynasty of the "Son of Heaven."

Dispatches, in addition to the Battle of Singapore, showed:

1 A War Department communique said forces of Gen. Douglas MacArthur are engaged in savage fighting against the Japanese, and reported seven more enemy planes shot down bringing the total to 136. The U. S. transport Royal T. Frank was sunk by a Japanese submarine with loss of 29 lives.

2 The Japanese made a new landing in a thrust at Macassar in southwestern Celebes island, and drove toward Bandjermasin in south Borneo. They renewed air activities over main Java bases as the Dutch predicted that a "final onslaught" is imminent.

3 The Japanese made a new landing at Gasmata, on the south coast of New Britain island, in the push toward Australia. Australian bombers attacked enemy shipping off the New Britain coast.

4 The British fought to hold the Salween river line. Axis broadcasts claimed Japanese advances in the Maritaban and Paan sectors, but Tokyo said pressure on Burma was lessened pending outcome of attack on Singapore.

The gravity of the united nations' position was thrown into bold relief by the arrival in India of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese generalissimo. (Continued on Page Two)

On the War Fronts

SINGAPORE: British imperials falling back, with fall of island reported near.

HAWAII: U. S. Army transport Royal T. Frank sunk in Hawaiian waters; 29 lives lost.

PHILIPPINES: Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces locked in fierce combat with Japs.

EAST INDIES: Danger to Java grows with Jap landings in southern Celebes and thrust toward Bandjermasin, southern Borneo.

AUSTRALIA: Japanese land at Gasmata, New Britain, 325 miles from Port Moresby.

LONDON: Charge Vichy France aided Gen. Erwin Rommel with supplies; three more Axis transports blasted in Mediterranean by British sub; Russian offensive slowing down.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES

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London Observers Predict Fall of Naval Base In 48 Hours; British Fall Back as Foe Continues to Land More Men.

By HAROLD GUARD
United Press Staff Correspondent

SINGAPORE, Feb. 10, 5 P. M. (4 A. M., Indianapolis Time) (U. P.).—I paid my last visit to the Singapore front this afternoon and watched the bravest men in the world crouching in ditches while huge flights of Japanese planes dive-bombed and machine-gunned them—at their leisure.

Our men are falling back under Japanese attacks backed by heavy new landing forces along the northwest and western shores of the island.

The rattle of heavy machinegun fire now is audible in the western suburbs of Singapore City and the gravity of the position of the defenders of Singapore is obvious.

May Fall In 24 Hours

(In London some observers believed that Singapore will fall within 24 or 48 hours. The loss of the British Empire's great eastern bastion was regarded as a foregone conclusion. This view was borne out by Mr. Guard's dispatches today, which made it ominously clear that—barring an unexpected miracle—the Japanese shortly will be in control of Singapore, one of the world's No. 1 strategic positions.)

There is only one real way to report this battle of Singapore. That is to go to the front lines and see for yourself. (Mr. Guard did not make clear the reference to his "last visit." He may expect that the battle will be raging at the gates of the city of Singapore shortly or he may expect to be evacuated.)

Yesterday I spent the day around Singapore City. I heard the crashing sound of artillery fire growing nearer and nearer and formed my own conclusions.

"Nothing Men Can Do"

This afternoon I have been watching our troops in action, including the Argyle regiment which has been fighting ever since the battle for Ipoh, half way up the Malaya peninsula.

I watched our men crouching in ditches while overhead droned flight after flight of Japanese planes—usually 27 planes to a flight.

The Japanese planes dive-bombed our men and then dive-bombed again. They opened up with their machine guns in low-flying strafing attacks—carried out at their leisure.

There was nothing our men could do to combat the Japanese aviation. Our troops lack nothing—but air support.

"They Are All Heroes"

Their morale is high. They are all heroes—every man jack of them.

Enemy artillery shells still were bursting in the outskirts of the city.

Non-combatants from the areas immediately west of Singapore City began pouring into the main residential and business districts.

High military officials admitted that the situation was serious regarding the island as a whole following new Japanese landings under a tremendous artillery barrage during the night on the north coast, between Sungei Kranji and Sungei Mandai.

Enemy forces which previously had landed on the west coast continued to push back the defense forces and were fighting to join up with troops landed on the north coast, (Continued on Page Two)

War Analysis

By WILLIAM H. STONEMAN
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LONDON, Feb. 10.—What was expected to be "Singapore's fight to the last man" is now dangerously close to becoming a rout—a lightning-like and overwhelming defeat, involving the capture or annihilation of tens of thousands of allied troops almost before they have begun to fight.

If that happens—and it looks like a thousand to one probability today—the Japanese will have captured one of the biggest strategic plums in the world at ridiculously low cost and the allies will have learned again the lesson which they can't learn too often—namely, that comparatively untried troops unprotected against air attack simply cannot stand up to skilled, courageous veterans supported by air power.

This lesson was being pounded home today as two Japanese invading forces, one from the west and the other from the north, sliced their way on through allied troops until they were virtually within sight of Singapore City.

Their rapid progress indicated that they were outfighting allied infantry and the frenzied activity of their dive bombers made it look as though the fighting was not all of the desperate hand to hand type for which the situation seemed to call.

There can be no question about the native courage of the defenders. The situation as it stands today is due rather to the violence of the dive-bombing attacks, which are made possible by lack of adequate fighter defense, and to the fact that the defenders have not had the discipline which comes of long years of active service.

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