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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 copy 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 400 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 guarantee of victory was to close that line. Japan 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 communiqué. It was the Royal T. Frank.

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

Our troops, the communiqué 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 communiqué 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 OCD

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

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Navy Engineers Inspect Capsized Normandie



Dawn 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 RICHTER

The wasting of time by State employees, particularly in drinking "cokes" during working hours, was criticized severely by Governor Schriener 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 automobile 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 'coker' they should do it in our own office. If things are not better soon, I will have the new counter taken out. This 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.

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

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON
NEA 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.

Doubly 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 "Sakdalists" they have agitated against American influence and against Commonwealth President Manuel Quezon and all other Philippine 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 underway 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 \$79,385.47 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 November.

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

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 man 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 "will dry 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 a decree demanding that farm people remain on their farms for the duration would have been no more effective than the present system of tire rationing.

He compared the farmer in the present situation to the "fellow who had his suspenders taken from him and then was told he was welcome to do the hula dance if he desired."

"Of course, farmers still have the mail order catalog to while

away the long evenings," he said. "They did that 25 years ago. They will again do this under the present tire arrangement. Though the county seat towns are but 10 to 15 miles from the average farm family, they had just as well be 100 miles away, for farmers won't hoof it that far."

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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 helpless on her side in the ice-clogged Hudson River.

Fireboats still pored water on the sprawling hulk and quenched one smoldering remnant of the fire which broke out on the \$60,000 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 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 kapok, a hairy material used in construction work. Sabotage was not definitely ruled out, however, since the FBI had not completed its investigation.

Navy officers denied a wave of water 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 McNells.

Mr. Mitchell immediately posted bond for an appeal to Circuit Court.

Mr. Mitchell and three others, who were discharged today, were arrested Jan. 23 on affidavits filed by Alvert Mendenhall of the Better Business Bureau in connection with the sale of tickets for a "George Washington Birthday Ball" at the Columbus 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 McNells when witnesses failed to identify them as having sold tickets.

Tony 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."

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES

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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 stepping stones to Java and the Philippines, the enemy offensive has driven 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 communiqué 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 Bandjermas 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 general. (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 Bandjermas, south 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.

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.

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