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SINGAPORE RESISTS SAVAGELY

CANAL ATTACK HELD PART OF AXIS STRATEGY

2d Pearl Harbor Blitz
Also Expected in Drive
For Allied Bases.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—An effort to destroy the Panama Canal and Pearl Harbor is regarded as likely as part of an Axis plan to control or neutralize all major outlying naval and air bases of the United States and the British Empire.

With Singapore and Pearl Harbor out of commission, the United Nations would be left without a first class naval base between San Francisco and Suez, a distance of 12,000 miles. There are secondary bases at Soerabaja (Java) and Darwin (Australia) but these are now within easy bombing range of the Japanese.

The Australian Bases

At Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland (Australia) there are naval facilities, but these are as far from Singapore by sea as Japan is from San Francisco.

An allied ship crippled in the Dutch East Indies would have to crawl half way around the Australian continent for repairs.

If Panama were destroyed or closed, even for a few months, it would be of immense help to the Axis. Ships from the Industrial East Coast of the United States would have to go some 13,000 miles around Cape Horn to reach the Southwest Pacific—or else almost as far around the Cape of Good Hope.

Explaining Pearl Harbor

These factors are of the utmost gravity. In any war with Japan, the British had counted on the use of Singapore's great \$400,000,000 naval base, just as the United States relies on Pearl Harbor. Both nations have battleships that can steam half way around the world without refueling, but unfortunately it is not the floating fortresses that determine the effective radius of action of the fleet.

The big ships must be accompanied by a whole train of other vessels some of which, such as the destroyers, are limited to a radius of, say, 2500 miles.

That is why Japan struck first and effectively at Pearl Harbor and then at Manila, Hongkong and Singapore. Soerabaja's turn will almost certainly not be long delayed.

Brought England Greatness

There is nothing fundamentally new or surprising about Japan's strategical moves, according to military experts here. Great Britain had the same idea two centuries or so ago, and through it became the world's greatest empire.

By controlling strategic capes which ships had to go round, or straits or canals through which ships had to pass, she controlled the seas and, to a large degree, the earth.

Follow British Pattern

Today there are indications that the Axis is bent on paralleling, at least, the British formula by grabing or neutralizing Singapore, Suez, Gibraltar, Panama, Hawaii, Wake, Guam, Corregidor, Honkong, Soerabaja and perhaps some others.

If the major bases are taken or rendered useless for the allies, the job of defeating the Axis will be heartbreaking.

Washington is now urging women and children in Hawaii to leave the islands. The authorities are also distributing gas masks to all civilians. This is regarded as a clear indication that officials here anticipate another attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Just Starting



'DRAFT-MYERS' CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR OPENS

Committeemen and Women of 21st and 23d Wards

Sign Petitions.

By VERN BOXELL

A "draft-Myers" for mayor movement appeared to be under way in the Democratic organization today with two wards endorsing the Criminal Court judge for nomination in the May 5 primary.

They are the 21st Ward, Washington Township on the North Side, and the 23d Ward, in the Northeast section of the city.

Thanks His Supporters

A letter sent to all Ward chairmen by Judge Myers, who is expected to announce his mayoral candidacy soon, thanked the district leaders for their pledge of support to him in conferences with County Chairman Ira Haymaker.

All precinct committeemen and women in the 23d Ward except one signed a resolution last night petitioning Judge Myers to run and recommending his nomination.

'Proven Ability' Cited

"In times such as exist today, it is necessary for the citizens of Indianapolis to nominate a man of proven ability and an honorable public servant," the resolution said. Judge Myers possesses such qualities.

Russell Dean is the 23d Ward chairman and Frederick W. Steiger is chairman of the 21st Ward, where a similar resolution was signed by the precinct officials and other voters. Judge Myers lives in this ward.

It was reported that similar petitions also would be presented in other wards throughout the city later.

HAIRCUT MINIMUM FIXED AT 50 CENTS

State Sets County Shaving

Price Low at 25.

The State Barber Board has today fixed the minimum price which Marion County barbers may charge for haircuts and shaves at 50 and 25 cents, respectively, effective next Monday.

The Board placed the minimum price for plain shampoos at 35 cents; medicated shampoos, 50 cents; massages, 35 cents, and lady hair trims, 15 cents.

These prices are the same as now charged in a majority of Marion County barber shops.

All shops in the County are to open not earlier than 8 a. m. and close not later than 6 p. m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and close not later than 9 p. m. on Saturday and days preceding holidays.

The holidays referred to are Christmas, July 4, Labor Day, Armistice Day and Thanksgiving. The price and hours schedule fixed here is the same as fixed for 43 other counties.

The Board acted under a 1941 law which permits it to fix minimum price schedules and hours regulations following public hearings.

Suits testing the constitutionality of the law have been filed in 16 counties. In Huntington and Vigo Counties judges have ruled the law unconstitutional.

REPORT 2 SUBS SUNK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—Two of three enemy submarines—attacked by an unidentified U. S. destroyer on Pacific convoy duty apparently were sunk, the 12th Naval District disclosed today.

Those eligible for retreads and recaps have been placed in two lists. List A contains the same classes as the new tire rationing regulations, with the addition of clergymen, and these "eligibles" may obtain retreads only if stocks of new tires are exhausted.

List B includes taxis, newspaper transportation vehicles, five other passenger car classifications, and trucks not included in List A. No vehicle in the B list will be eligible for a retread during February. Passenger cars probably will be excluded during March also, it was said.

MOVE TO RECOVER LOSSES

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WILSON TO GIVE PARASITE CARDS

Curfew Congressman Bares
Latest 'Crusade' on
Visit Here.

By RICHARD LEWIS

Rep. R. Earl Wilson, the curfew Congressman from Columbus, Ind., has only just begun to fight.

His next move in his one-man efficiency crusade to get "a dollar's worth of work for a dollar's worth of pay" out of Washington war workers is the issuance of "parasite cards" to feminine employees who:

1. Come to work 30 minutes late.

2. Then disappear into the rest room to put on make-up.

3. Then migrate to the coffee shoppe for a cup of java.

4. Then write letters to the boy friend on Uncle Sam's time.

Reveals New Plan

Rep. Wilson, Republican schoolmaster from the Ninth District who has been likened to a "Mr. Smith in Washington," revealed this new phase of his crusade today in an interview at the Claypool Hotel.

He came back to Indiana to confer with party friends and to check over the progress of the new Army camp, which is to be located smack in the middle of his district.

He Gets Results

"The parasite cards would be issued to those employees who sap the nation's strength by loafing," he explained. "In order to redeem themselves, they'd have to show up on time and work diligently for a given length of time."

It was the small, rotund legislator with that southern Hoosier twang who launched an uproar by (Continued on Page Eight)

RETREAD RATIONING WILL START FEB. 19

Certificates Needed From
Board After That Date.

Nation-wide rationing of rubber for retreading and recapping tires will begin Feb. 19, the Office of Price Administration at Washington informed the Indiana Defense Council today.

"There will probably be no crude rubber available for retreading except for a small number of vehicles already eligible for tires," the OPA said in a telegram to the council.

The effective date of the curtailment was selected in order that all persons who now have tires in use may obtain retreads only if stocks of new tires are exhausted.

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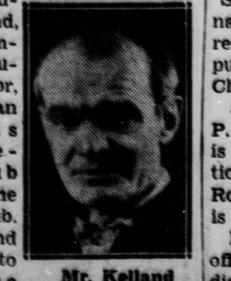
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U. S. Blimps Prove Nemesis to Subs



A U. S. Navy destroyer as seen through the window of a patrol blimp.

GUY CANTWELL GETS FAIR POST

Republican Placed in New Job; Board Removes Dunn as Manager.

(Photo, Page 3)

Paul S. Dunn, secretary to Lieut. Gov. Charles M. Dawson, was ousted as manager of the State Fair today by the Democratic-controlled Fair Board.

The Board immediately named Guy Cantwell of Gosport, a Republican but a political enemy of Mr. Dawson, to a new position as secretary-treasurer of the Board. In this position, Mr. Cantwell will have practically the same duties as did Mr. Dunn.

Coster of Mr. Dunn came in a closed session at the State House.

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Salary Not Fixed

J. B. Cummins of Portland, Board president, said that Mr. Cantwell's salary had not been determined. Mr. Cantwell, who is a Board member, will resign when he takes his new job. The Governor will fill the vacancy.

Mr. Dawson, who was reported to have protested vigorously against the naming of Mr. Cantwell, declined to comment at the close of the session. Mr. Dunn still remained as secretary to Mr. Dawson, a position which pays \$150 a month. As Fair manager he had received an additional \$150 a month from the Fair Board.

Feared by Subs

Over other areas were sister ships of the craft on which I rode, performing similar missions.

Airship patrols, organized at the beginning of this year, are being expanded as new blimps are delivered. They are one of the most potent anti-submarine weapons in the defense of both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts.

Submarines don't like them. Navy men say, and when an airship is sighted, the U-boats prefer to crash-dive rather than fight it out.

I was ordered to report at the patrol base by 5:15 a. m. The squadron duty officer, a young ensign, said he was awaiting a report on weather conditions.

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