

JAPAN DRIVING HARDER AT JAVA

New Landings in Celebes Reported; Dutch Break Up Enemy Air Fleet.

SATAVIA, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—Japanese landing forces drove forward against stubborn Dutch defenders at three points on the southwest arm of Celebes Island today in an attempt to gain new footholds for an apparent thrust toward Java, 500 miles to the southwest.

A Netherlands Indies communiqué reported that Dutch fighter planes intercepted and broke up a large airplane fleet which attempted to raid the Soerabaja naval base in eastern Java. The Jap planes were driven off without bombing the base.

Additional Japanese landings were effected at Macassar, capital of Celebes; Bianganga, at the entrance to the Gulf of Bone, and Djemeponto.

The outnumbered Dutch defenders on Celebes were reported carrying out a scorched-earth policy.

There were indications that the Japanese in Borneo were nearing the southwest coast.

Neither the Macassar, nor the Bandjermasin, Borneo, garrisons could hope to hold back the Japanese indefinitely, it was said.

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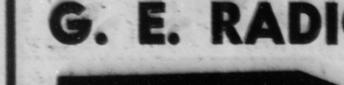
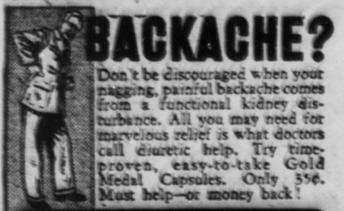
Clarence A. Jackson, executive vice president of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce and State Director of Civilian Defense, will address members of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board at a meeting tomorrow noon in the Hotel Washington.



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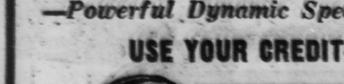
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NAZIS BOAST OF LINER SABOTAGE

Claim They Fired Norman-die; Newspapers Score Official Carelessness.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—Nazi Germany set out today to make the greatest possible use of the Normandie disaster, seeking to sell its English speaking enemies on the proposition that its saboteurs had caused it.

While the Navy began assembling its experts to decide how the \$3425-ton liner was to be lifted from her side and set on an even keel again, New York newspapers assailed the official carelessness, which, they said, had caused it.

One, The Mirror, called it "another Pearl Harbor" and said another "Robert's report" was indicated.

Sabotage, Nazis Say

The National Broadcasting Company's listening post heard the Berlin radio, in an English language broadcast, say that the fire had been of "incendiary origin."

"It blasted the plans for transforming the liner into an aircraft carrier," the Nazi announcer said.

The broadcast seemed the start of a campaign designed to weaken American and British public morale by suggesting that German agents had been responsible for the tremendous loss.

All American authorities reported that the fire had been set by sparks from an acetylene torch which was being used near large stores of inflammable materials.

Urge Speedy Salvage

It was understood that a naval board of experts would go over the huge ship, the second largest afloat, within a day or so to decide on methods of salvaging her. Though the problems involved were admittedly tremendous, no competent authority would call it impossible.

The need for speed in salvaging the Normandie, if she is to be salvaged, was evident. Her tremendous bulk, flat on her side at her Hudson River pier, was pressing into the oozy mud of the river bottom.

U. S. DISPLEASED BY VICHY EXPLANATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—The future of troubled Franco-American relations, now disturbed by reports of French pro-Axis activities in Africa, depended today upon the broader question of whether Vichy is swinging toward cause without Singapore the British will be powerless to withstand any influence, either politically or militarily.

CAPTURE OF BURMA TOWN IS REPORTED

LONDON, Feb. 11 (U. P.)—A British military commentator said today there was no confirmation that the Japanese had crossed the Salween River "in force" and captured Martaban on the Burma front.

A Daily Mail Rangoon dispatch said that it was believed British forces had withdrawn from Martaban, on the west side of the Salween estuary opposite Moulmein.

The Imperial command had reported that there was fighting north of Martaban.

Henry Haye told reporters that he was confident France would justify herself.

CARD PARTY PLANNED AS ORPHANS' BENEFIT

Children of the General Protestant Orphans' Home, 1404 S. State Ave., will receive the benefits of the proceeds of a card party sponsored by the ladies' auxiliary of the orphanage at 2 p. m. Friday at the Wm. H. Block Co. auditorium.

The General Protestant Orphan Association, founded in 1867, is a member of the Council of Social Agencies and is supported by the Indianapolis Community Fund and private contributions.

Mrs. Charlotte Reis is president of the auxiliary; Mrs. Edward Wiebke, vice president; Mrs. William Wagener, secretary; Mrs. Edward G. Iske, recording secretary, and Mrs. Fred Baase, financial secretary.

Mrs. E. F. Brockman and Mrs. Henry Walters are the chairmen of the committee arranging the benefit.

CITY YOUTH HONORED BY EASTERN COLLEGE

David J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew F. Smith, 2009 N. New Jersey St., has been appointed chairman of the honor system committee at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Shortridge High School and is a junior at the university.

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