

SINGAPORE HOLDS DEFENSIVE LINE

Inlanders Kept at Bay 3 Miles From City, British Report.

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Their huge fort at Changi is resisting strongly.

This contrasted strongly with the Axis reports that the Japanese already had raised their flag in the center of Singapore town.

Tokyo propaganda changed its tune somewhat today, expressing amazement at the "inhuman sense of duty" of the British at Singapore which compelled them to fight on despite the hopeless odds.

The Vichy radio claimed that British warships were aiding in shelling Japanese positions and that heavy fighting is in progress in the rubber plantations north and east of Singapore.

The German radio asserted that 16 ships of a British evacuation fleet have been sunk by the Japanese.

Elsewhere on the World War fronts the Russians were driving forward again in their winter offensive and were reported to have broken back into White Russia, the westernmost province overrun by the Germans. Desultory fighting was reported in Libya.

Stem Burma Advance

In Burma the Japanese advance was temporarily stemmed by a defeat in the Paan area, but a new battle was reported raging today.

In the Dutch Indies the Dutch admitted that the fall of Macassar—already claimed by Tokyo—is apparently imminent.

Spain and Portugal agreed to maintain close contacts for mutual benefit after a meeting of Gen. Francisco Franco and Dr. Antonio Salazar at Seville.

Hold Rites Today For Mollie Tipps

Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie Tipps were to be at 11 a. m. today in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank R. Tomlinson, 22 N. Euclid Ave.

Other services and burial will be tomorrow at Jeffersonville. Mrs. Tipps was 69. She died Wednesday at the home of her daughter after a brief illness. She was the widow of R. D. Tipps.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Tomlinson, are a son, William of Shelbyville and a brother, John Flaherty of Bellevue, Ky.

HEARTHSTONE LIFE AIDS RE-ELECTED

All officers and directors of the Hearthstone Life Insurance Co. were re-elected at the annual organization meeting yesterday in the home office, 155 E. Market St. Frank P. Manly, founder of the company, will continue as president.

Other officers and directors re-elected are:

H. E. Sutherland, secretary-treasurer; Dr. James H. Stigall, medical director; John K. Ruckelshaus, general counsel; Elder A. Porter, consulting actuary; Albert J. Beveridge Jr., Warren C. Bevington, John H. Bookwalter, George Hilgemeier Jr., Sylvester Johnson, Howard J. Lacy II, John Bright Webb, Phil T. Williams, John L. Blish of Seymour, Joseph H. Broderick of Muncie, Fred R. Brooks of Logansport, Dr. F. S. Crockett of Lafayette, Glen R. Hillis of Kokomo and Charles E. Foreman, directors.

CRISIS FACED BY SYMPHONY

Local Organization Needs \$95,000 to Operate Through 1943.

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realizes the value of music in maintaining civilian (as well as military) morale; and that everyone who has heard this great symphony orchestra, under the direction of its distinguished leader, Fabien Sevitzky, has derived pleasure from it.

The orchestra is confronted with a financial problem, he added, because the public mind is concerned chiefly with concrete problems of national defense.

"It is only later," he warned, "when our lives have adjusted themselves in the war groove, that we will realize, as they have eventually realized in all warring countries, how indispensable is music in the scheme of civilized life."

"But we must fight to keep everything we now have—our country, our governmental theories, our culture. If we in this state lose such a cultural asset now, we shall regret it later. And we would find it more difficult to replace in the future than continue in the present."

Kept Ticket Prices Low

Franklin Miner, manager of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, said that in view of what Mr. Sevitzky and the orchestra have done to raise the national cultural reputation of Indiana . . . we have been the state's least expensive cultural asset.

"We have to keep our ticket prices low enough to fit the public purse," he declared. "Our expenses are necessarily higher, at least once again higher, than the largest sum we can possibly earn under such restrictions."

"The fact that we face a deficit of \$25,000 this year is accounted for by the much smaller total sum pledged to our maintenance fund this year."

CAROL IS UNWELCOME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (U. P.).—Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today bluntly declared that former King Carol of Rumania is not welcome in the United States as the head of a proposed free Rumanian movement.

FDR. GRUENING CONFER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (U. P.).—Gov. Ernest Gruening discussed with President Roosevelt today military and naval problems of Alaska, commenting afterward that "we are thinking in terms of offensive warfare rather than defensive warfare."

BYRD ASKS FE PROBE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (U. P.).—Senator Harry F. Byrd (D. Va.) today called for a War Department investigation of entrance fees charged by labor unions for workers seeking construction jobs on war projects.

Ominous Choice



Field Marshal Albert Kesselring has been named chief of the Luftwaffe in Italy, the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Tidningen reports. If true, his appointment would probably foreshadow far-reaching German offensive operations in Africa.

U. S. RAID COST JAPS 16 SHIPS

41 Planes Also Destroyed Jan. 31 in Pacific; Admiral Decorated.

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cities bombed, including three gasoline dumps, a barracks area, six buildings, two munitions dumps, four radio stations, and a number of coastal guns.

The United States forces lost 11 planes and suffered superficial damage to two ships.

Naval officials said that the power and surprise of the American attack was emphasized by the destruction of approximately 85 per cent of the large Japanese bomber force on the islands and between 60 and 80 per cent of the shipping sighted.

Medal Is Hero's Reward

America thanked the fighting men of its Navy today by awarding the Distinguished Service Medal to Vice Admiral William F. Halsey Jr. who commanded this first United States naval offensive of the war.

Admiral Halsey's citation, signed by President Roosevelt, said: "For distinguished service in duty of great responsibility as commander of Marshall raiding force, United States Pacific fleet, especially his brilliant, audacious attack against Marshall and Gilbert islands Jan. 31, 1942. By his great skill and determination, this drive inflicted heavy damage to enemy ships and planes."

Admiral Halsey is a veteran of 41 years of sea going naval service, most of it on destroyers, but more recently in connection with the naval air arm.

Eye-witnesses of the attack on the eight Japanese-manned islands in an area of about 140,000 square miles said that the three weeks the fleet spent at sea had indicated its ability to strike even as far away as Japan.

The attack was a simultaneous air and naval blow at eight islands in an area 400 miles long and 350 miles wide.

American Planes Superior

Various combatant ships bombarded two islands, supported by an airplane carrier on which the planes that made the other attacks were based. Some of the islands were a tacked twice.

American carrier-based planes proved superior to the Japanese land-based craft in both speed and armament.

"In the attack on Tarao pilots snickered at the enemy's wide misses as the air and the flight leader and his wing man scored a brilliant success by downing four of 12 enemy planes which engaged them," one witness said.

The flight leader was a tall, blond youngster from Milwaukee who said that "luck was riding with me that day."

His comrades, however, said that he had shown great skill as did one of his wing men. After recovering from a first dive, they returned at low altitude to machine gun and found themselves facing a dozen enemy fighters.

NAVAL DEFEAT SHAKES BRITAIN

German Channel Feat Adds Peril to Allied Ships in Atlantic.

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may be able to invite general fleet action in the North Atlantic.

British aircraft and warships searched the North Sea for crippled enemy vessels, but naval sources acknowledged that the greater part of the squadron must have rescued the safety of Emden, on the German coast, or a Heigoland Bay port.

The official naval statement did not specify what snipe the British men hit, but it did tell of direct hits on a 300-ton enemy ship, which broke in two, and on a smaller ship, which was left aflame.

But the communique of the Admiralty and Air Ministry claimed, one British lost 42 planes against 18 which, it was said, the Germans lost. The Germans claimed the British lost a destroyer.

The German 10,000-ton Prinz Eugen and other sea escort forces protected the two enemy battleships during their dash through the English Channel at a time when poor visibility interfered seriously with the British attack.

Press Is Indignant

The German fleet, led by the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, and including destroyers, torpedo boats, and mine sweepers, escaped in the 14 hours of darkness after British warships and planes lost sight of them at dark yesterday.

This morning's editorials were more critical of Churchill than any since he took office the day Hitler invaded the low countries in May, 1940.

Typical was that of the Daily Mail, conservative independent:

"The confidence which has been accorded Mr. Churchill survived Dunkirk, Greece, Crete, the German successes in Libya because all the reverses of 1940 and 1941 were accepted as the legacy of the short-sightedness and incompetence of the previous government. The same story continues."

'Must Do Something'

"But we are now in 1942. The disaster of Singapore can not be placed on any other shoulders than those of Mr. Churchill and his colleagues."

The independent conservative Evening News said:

"There is no use in Mr. Churchill standing up, half defiantly and half in a white sheet borrowed from Lord Baldwin (a former 'muddle through' premier) and saying, 'I am the man to blame' and doing nothing to improve machinery or methods."

Review Many Disasters

Reviewing bitterly an "endless chain" of British disasters, the Evening News attacked the government and the chiefs of the fighting services.

The German warships have been at Brest for months. They have been attacked 110 times by the Royal Air Force which repeatedly has claimed bomb hits and severe damage inflicted on the vessels.

They have been under constant close observation and for a number of days the British have been expecting them to emerge from their harbor.

Air Raid Diversion

Picking a cloudy misty day when visibility was at a minimum, the German ships slipped out of Brest yesterday morning under a heavy protective escort of surface craft and fighter planes. Simultaneously German bombers plastered British east coast air bases with the heaviest bombardment in months.

Not for some time was the German flotilla discovered by British reconnaissance aircraft. When it was picked up, the British ordered out planes in force—bombers, fighters, torpedo planes—for an all-out attack.

British destroyers from channel ports steamed out to join the attack and when the German warships entered the waters off Dover British coastal guns opened up against them.

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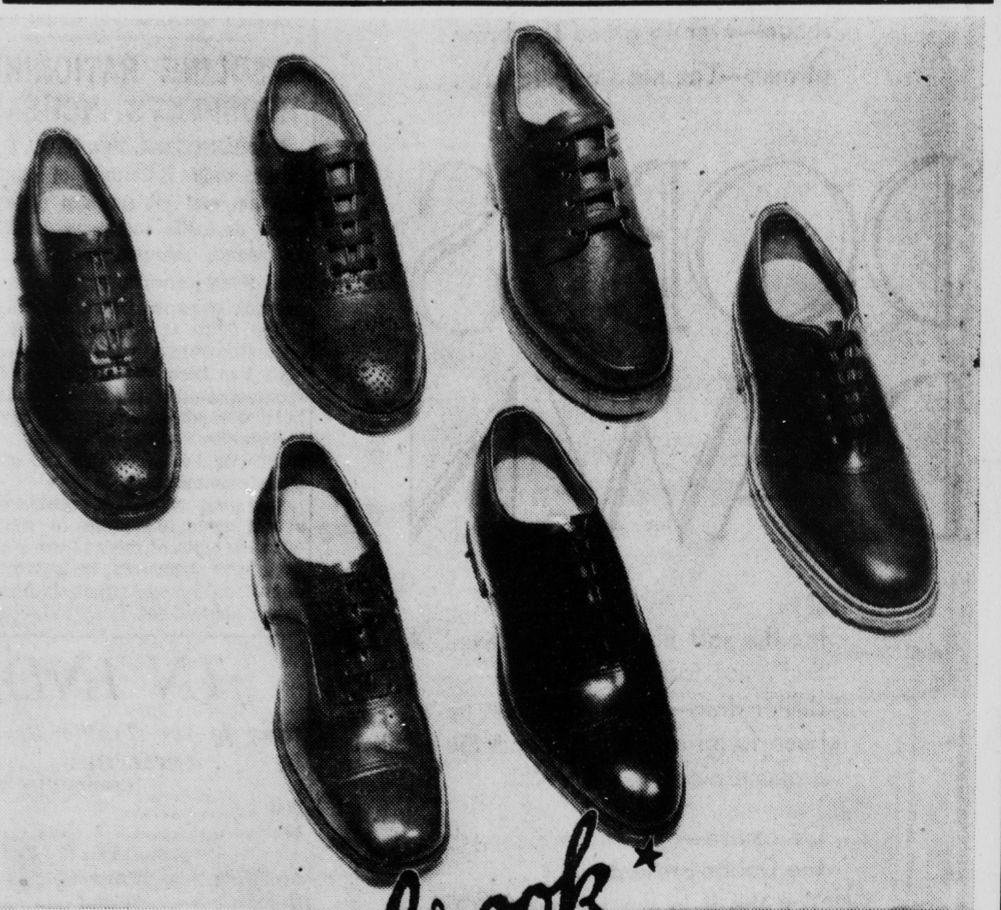
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