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FORECAST: Not much change in temperature today and early tonight.

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Report Hundreds Of Allied Planes Arrive In Burma SUMATRA BATTLES PARATROOPS

WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Heavy turnover in Congress looks increasingly probable. Both primaries and elections are expected to unseat many.

Aspirants are jockeying their chops over the Congressional self-pension "scandal." Jittery incumbents are swarming onto repealer bandwagon. Bad war news, if not reversed in time, will do incalculable harm. Taxes, tires, sugar, prices, waste, civil-defense stuff, are sources of cumulative irritation which some voters may "take out" on Congressmen.

Reports just in from industrial areas suggest that more than the Treasury's \$80,000 Donald Duck film is needed to glamorize income tax for millions for first-time taxpayers.

Revenue men who have visited factories say a few workers are refusing even to fill out tax blanks, and others—apparently large numbers—are filling them but muttering that they won't pay.

It'll be easy to deal with the first group; one or two from each place can be arrested, and penalized. Second group is tougher: You can't jail a man for non-payment.

Treasury says Walt Disney will get his \$80,000 despite Congressional "veto"; out of funds already on hand.

D. Duck tax film, made by Disney at "cost," actually leaves him out of pocket. Reason: Its use by theaters cuts into sale of regular Disney shorts.

Sticking Where It Hurts

Needle of public opinion is already pricking like a bayonet in Washington. Prime results this week:

1. Mrs. Roosevelt's decision to quit OGD.

2. F. D. R.'s order to thin out personnel of non-war agencies, over-stuffed since hours were upped from 34 a week to 44.

But the President remained lukewarm on sharp cuts in non-war outlays, pushed by Byrd et al. He pressed publicly for the billion-dollar river-harbor pork barrel, including his St. Lawrence pet. And his press-conference attitude on economies was flippant, even cynical. By passing economy back to Congress, while in same breath defending CCC and NYA, he aggravated election-year nervousness at capitol.

A Move to Gain Time?

House debate on River-Harbor Bill is set back again; leaders now talk of mid-March. Opponents say this is administration move to gain time for bolstering bill's support, believed waning under public clamor against non-urgent spending.

Congressmen are fuming at signs of negligence in Normandy fire; they compare it to unrelenting at Pearl Harbor. Special inquiry is talked; Navy brass hats may have to do some explaining.

Prophecy? From OFF's report to the nation: "All men 18 to 64 years old, inclusive, are required to register for war work." Maybe OFF didn't know that those 45 to 64 are not liable, under present law, for any service, war or otherwise. Or maybe OFF was forecasting new legislation.

MacArthur to Stick?

One question in the tentative questionnaire for the 45-64 group indicates OFF may have been forecasting. The registrant would be asked if he objected to working some distance from home.

Friends' guess on MacArthur: He'll stay with his men come hell, high water or Hirohito.

Press-gallery reaction is that Wilkie's unified-command speech, and Senator Tyding's speech yesterday calling for military rather than political (i. e., F. D. R.) control of strategy, have kicked the lid off a super-hot issue.

Vitamins for victory victims: Amy'll buy only "enriched" flour from now on.

Mystery: Who's holding up Alaska defense highway across Canada? For many months it has had the nominal O. K. of F. D. R., the Army, (Continued on Page Two)

Dafoe Quits as Doctor to Quins Without Explanation

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 14 (U. P.).—Premier Mitchell Hepburn announced today that Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe of Callander, Ont., has resigned as physician to the Dionne quintuplets.

Hepburn said Dr. Dafoe's resignation was received several days ago but "has not yet been accepted."

He said the resignation would be brought before the Ontario Legislature for consideration next week. The Province of Ontario is one of the guardians of the children.

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30,000 DUE TO REGISTER HERE IN NEW DRAFT

128 Places Available on Monday Between 7 A. M. And 9 P. M.

(Specimen registration card and list of registration places, Page 3.)

By EARL RICHERT

Volunteer registrars will be at their desks at 128 places in Marion County at 7 a. m. Monday to begin registering men between the ages of 20 and 44 for possible military service.

There registrars, working in shifts, will keep the registration places open until 9 p. m., thus giving workers who are busy all day a chance to register at night.

All men born on or after Feb. 17, 1897, and on or before Dec. 31, 1921, and who have not previously registered must register.

Here's what your registration will consist of:

You will go to the registration place nearest your home sometime between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. (A list of registration places is being carried on Page 3. If you are away from home, register at the nearest available place.)

Nine Questions

A registrar will ask you nine questions—your name, residence, mailing address if different from home address, telephone, age, birthplace, name and address of person who will always know your address, employer's name and address and your place of employment or business.

The registrar will write all this down on a registration card which will be filed in your local draft board's office. The registrar will then fill out a billfold-size certificate stating that you have been duly registered and will give it to you. You place the certificate in your wallet and walk out. You have registered. Draft officials estimate that the registration of each individual will consume from two to five minutes.

Registrants must carry registration (Continued on Page Two)

NEW REGISTRANTS FACE EARLY DRAFT

Some May Be Called With Remaining 1-A's.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (U. P.).—Selective Service headquarters said today that some of 9,000,000 men registering Monday will be called to service simultaneously with remaining Class 1-A men among the 17,000,000 already registered.

After the last registration on July 1, 1941, affecting men who had turned 21 since the first registration on Oct. 16, 1940, the 750,000 additional registrants were inserted in the original order lists at intervals of approximately 10 numbers.

Officials said this may be the system used this time, or a new order list may be set up. In the latter case, men would be drawn from both lists at the same time.

CITY MAN FOUND DEAD IN PLEASANT RUN

Apparently the victim of accidental drowning, Gervis Jackson, 37, of 1306 English Ave., was found dead in Pleasant Run today.

Mr. Jackson's body was discovered by 12-year-old Ed Oliver, 1629 S. State Ave., near the State Ave. bridge. Dr. Wesley Ward, deputy coroner, was to perform an autopsy later today.

Mr. Jackson, who was employed at the Rockwood Pulley Co., left his home last night, and was reported by Mrs. Jackson to the police as missing. He is also survived by two sons, Norman, 15, and Leymon, 10, later today.

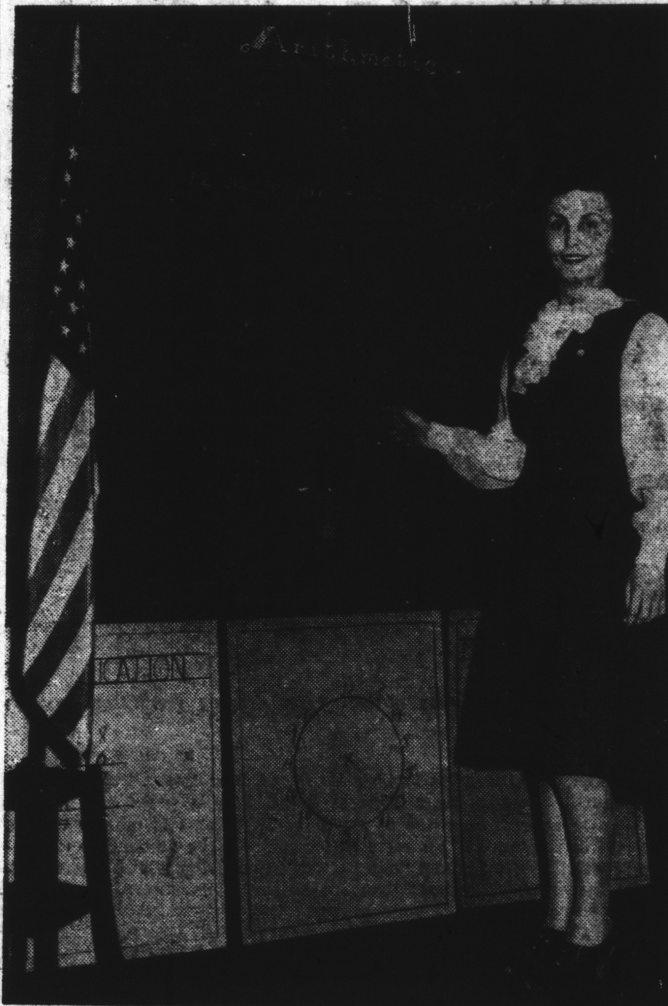
ORDERS NORMANDIE PROBE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (U. P.).—Acting under orders from Navy Secretary Frank Knox, a court of inquiry has been convened to investigate cause of the fire which wrecked the 83,000-ton U. S. Laffayette, formerly the Normandie, in New York Feb. 9, the Navy announced today.

JAPS LOSE 288 PLANES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (U. P.).—At least 288 Japanese airplanes have been destroyed so far by American Army and Navy units.

Sugar Is Sweet and—



On St. Valentine's Day, 1942, the school teacher who will ration sugar is indeed the Sweetheart of the Nation. Typical of the teachers in Indianapolis is Miss Helen Graf of School No. 24, So. East 1st Avenue, to Miss Graf.

Sugar is scarce, but it's just as sweet. So when I see you walking down the street, making other girls seem old-fashioned, Gee, I'm glad teachers can't be rationed!

P. S.—Miss Graf's school is located on Sugar Grove Ave.

Coed Helps Nab Tire Thief Who Draws 180-Day Term

Recognition for her alertness came quickly today to Jean Buschmann, a Butler University junior, who yesterday directed the catching of a tire thief, who received a sentence of 180 days on the State Farm and \$500 fine.

Miss Buschmann was appointed today to the Butler Student War Emergency Council by President Daniel S. Robinson, who also delegated her to form a student vigilante committee which will act to forestall any such vandalism and robbery.

Walking through the university parking lot yesterday, Miss Buschmann saw a man removing a tire from one of the parked automobiles. When he put the wheel and tire into his car and drove away, she jotted down his license number.

Signs Confession

Police traced the number. They arrested James Ahern, 46, of 3216 Northwestern Ave. He was charged with petty larceny after signing a confession and appeared in Municipal Court today.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge John L. Niblack remarked that tire-stealing is very much like horse-stealing and that had always been considered a serious offense.

Commenting on the establishment of a vigilante committee at Butler, Miss Buschmann said, "The students have always been observant, and it will be necessary to keep on being observant."

The council is a complement to the Faculty War Emergency Council and is composed of representatives of all the organizations at Butler.

Miss Buschmann, a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, lives at 3062 N. New Jersey St.

FLOWN FROM MIDDLE EAST, CHINESE TOLD

Traveler Declares British Are Confident They Can Stop Jap Onslaught.

By KARL ESKELUND

United Press Staff Correspondent

KUNMING, China (delayed), Feb. 13.—Travelers from Burma said today that hundreds of airplanes now reinforced the American volunteer group and the Royal Air Force defenders of the Burma Road.

Traffic in Burma and on the Burma Road to China was described as difficult due to extensive military movements resulting from dispatch of Chinese troops to aid in the defense of Burma and the movement of reinforcements to the fighting fronts.

(Bangkok dispatches this week said that the Chinese had been in some action in Burma and were expected to play an important role there henceforth. Yesterday Chungking dispatches said that American flying fortresses were among the aerial reinforcements reaching the Burma area.)

Saw Hundreds of Planes

"A huge number of R. A. F. planes and pilots have arrived," one traveler from Rangoon said.

"I talked with several pilots who made the trip by air across the Middle East to take part in the defense of the Burma Road."

"We saw hundreds of A. V. G. and R. A. F. planes over the road, both fighters and bombers in squadron formation."

"In Burma the train was under curtailed schedule because of the emergency and many trucks have been delayed along the Burma Road because the military has commandeered them or needs the gasoline. All the trucks in Burma have been taken over for army transportation."

"The pilots said the British were concentrating a large air force in Burma and that they were confident they could defend that front."

Yanks in Java, Chinese Report

CHUNGKING, Feb. 14 (Official Chinese Broadcast).—A "communist" reporter speaking in English said the Chinese people "are happy to night" at the news that American units are in Java.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (U. P.).—The Chungking broadcast regarding American forces in Java was understood here to refer to units of the American air force, which have been announced by the War Department as having been in action against Japanese planes over Java and adjacent regions.

SOVIET CALLS UP MORE

MOSCOW, Feb. 14 (U. P.).—A government decree today provided for mobilization of the entire able-bodied male and female urban population of the Soviet Union for essential war industry work.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. ... 28 10 a. m. ... 32
7 a. m. ... 28 11 a. m. ... 33
8 a. m. ... 29 12 (noon) ... 34
9 a. m. ... 30 1 p. m. ... 35

Local Juvenile Cases Show Big Increase; Restlessness Growing Out of War Blamed

By NOBLE REED

A wave of adolescent restlessness induced indirectly by war and its effects on home life was attributed by Juvenile Court officials today as the main factor in a big increase in juvenile delinquency last year.

The number of delinquency cases reached the all-time high mark of 1031 last year. There were only 438 the preceding year.

The new Juvenile Court law, effective last July 1, brought 275 additional cases into court, but this leaves 756 cases in the regular age group, an increase of 318 over 1940.

The new law broadened the Court's jurisdiction to include boys between 16 and 18.

Randel Shale, chief probation officer of the Court, said the most alarming statistics were those showing that the number of delinquent girls, between 13 and 18, had increased more than 50 per cent in the last six months of 1941.

"More girls were brought into Court for delinquency, during the last six months of 1941 than during the whole year of 1940," Mr. Shale said.

Records show that running away from home and sex delinquencies comprised the main offenses of the "teen age" girls.

"We are particularly disturbed over the increase in delinquency among girls since this indicates there will be a growing number of unmarried mothers," Mr. Shale said.

On the War Fronts

SINGAPORE: British resist Japanese attempt to advance on heart of city.

BURMA: Heavy air reinforcements reported for defenders of Burma Road; Jap attack on 30-mile Salween River front reported stopped.

PHILIPPINES: Military experts stress difficulty of sending help to MacArthur; Bataan artillery duel continues.

BATAVIA: Dutch fight off paratroops attempting to invade Sumatra.

MOSCOW: German positions at Smolensk appear more seriously menaced by Russian pincer in central front.

LIBYA: No change.

'PREFER DEATH,' SINGAPORE SAYS

British Resist Every Foot; Japs Apparently Hold Some of Reservoirs.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14 (U. P.).—British Imperial forces defending Singapore "are determined to die" rather than yield to the Japanese tank, aerial and artillery onslaught, the Singapore radio said today.

The voice of the Singapore broadcast, coming defiantly from the center of a furious last-ditch battle on the island, calmly told the Asian world that every inch of the battleground was being contested and that the defenders still were counter-attacking the overwhelming Japanese forces.

In another broadcast at 9:30 a. m. (Indianapolis Time) Radio Singapore said the continued attacks were "meeting stiff resistance."

Attacks Ceaseless

(In London, a war communique said that the Japanese were being fought every step of the way toward "the heart" of Singapore town, but that enemy attacks were being intensified on the eastern-half of the island and had progressed to the Paya Lebar sector, about three miles north of the city, apparently after having overrun the reservoirs in the center of the island and captured the naval base on the north coast.)

The radio announcer then read the official communique, which told of shelling of the city and of ceaseless (Continued on Page Two)

CRITICISM PILES UP AGAINST CHURCHILL

'Our Seapower Challenged,' Hore-Belisha Cries.

LONDON, Feb. 14 (U. P.).—A serious threat to the Cabinet of Prime Minister Winston Churchill mounted today when former War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha declared Germany has challenged Britain's traditional sea power and peril is closing around the empire.

Speaking at Keyham in Devonport, Mr. Hore-Belisha described the escape of a German battle fleet through the Dover Strait as "the most significant event of the war" because "we know now that our own coastal waters are not inviolable and that our traditional seapower is incisively challenged."

It was indicated that Mr. Hore-Belisha would lead a searching questioning of the Government in the House of Commons, where Mr. Churchill is expected to speak next week in defense of his Cabinet's handling of the defense of Singapore as well as the Dover Straits battle.

CHURCHILL TALKS TOMORROW

Prime Minister Winston Churchill will give a survey of the war tomorrow at 3 p. m. in a radio broadcast scheduled from London. The address, if plans are not changed, will be carried by WISH, WIBC and WFBM. At 10:30 p. m. tomorrow night, WIRE will play a transcription of the speech.

DUTCH TAKING HEAVY TOLL OF AERIAL FORCES

Hundred Transport Planes Used in Seeking Bases For Blow at Java.

BULLETIN
SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 14 (U. P.).—The Sydney Sun said in a dispatch from Batavia today that Australian and other empire troops were pouring into the Dutch East Indies and "moving up into defense positions."

By JOHN R. MORRIS

United Press Far Eastern Manager

BATAVIA, Feb. 14.—Defense forces of the united nations were reported "battling successfully today against a big scale paratroop attack on Sumatra island that apparently opened Japan's all out pincers drive toward rich, strategic Java island in the Dutch East Indies."

Pressing closer to allied supreme headquarters and the important naval base of Soerabaja, the enemy struck along two stepping stone routes toward the island of Java:

EASTWARD VIA SUMATRA—More than 100 Japanese transport planes accompanied by fighters took advantage of the invasion of Singapore island and dropped large numbers of paratroops at three points near the bomb-battered oil center of Palembang, only 200 miles west of Java.

Dozens of Chutists Killed

A communique said "dozens" of the paratroops were killed and that Dutch forces were waging a successful battle against the others, who had not yet threatened Palembang, which lies 54 miles inland on the Musi River, or Padjau, an important oil town, three miles to the west.

SOUTHWARD VIA BORNEO—The Japanese were reported to have taken the town of Bandjermasin, important port on the south coast of Borneo, about 300 miles across the Java Sea from Soerabaja. Dutch defense forces which put up a hard battle for Bandjermasin had destroyed everything at the port.

Java Braces for Attack

The attack southward via Borneo also hit at the Netherlands' rich tin islands, which provide stepping stones toward Sumatra and Java, with bombers raiding Tandjong Pagan where there were some casualties. Other enemy bombing squadrons attacked scattered points in the islands.

The Aneta Agency reported that Japanese bombers had made a number of reconnaissance flights over Palembang before the big-scale attack by more than 100 transport planes (indicating several thousand paratroops). The town has a population of 110,000, including 2000 Europeans.

Japs Realize Need for Haste

The thrust at the main Dutch islands indicated that the Japanese were moving with every ounce of speed that they could muster in the knowledge that united nations reinforcements, especially from Australia, were en route if they have not already arrived to bolster the Dutch East Indies defense line. The enemy obviously took the position that he must continue the all-out gamble for a speedy victory—which was successful in Malaya—or face disaster.

A number of British evacuation ships from Singapore reached Java and the refugees reported that they had been under heavy Japanese aerial bombardment all of the way.

ON VALENTINE'S DAY...
Remember Uncle Sam, too!
Also Give U. S. DEFENSE BONDS & STAMPS