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SUB SHELLS ISLE NEAR PANAMA

Japs Capture Major Allied Oil Base In Sumatra

300,000 HOOSIERS 20 TO 44 SIGN UP FOR DRAFT TODAY; 30,000 IN COUNTY REGISTER

All Realize Gravity as
They Offer to
Serve U. S.

BY EARL RICHERT

Calmly and with little trace of the grimness they all felt, 300,000 Hoosiers who have been kept on the sidelines so far today broke ranks and flocked to the colors.

The routine for registering for military service was the same as in the two previous registrations, but today's registration of men between the ages of 20 and 44 inclusive was vastly different.

There was no light-hearted quipping about "being out in a year." And there were no bitter remarks about "the Administration trying to get us into war."

All Realize Gravity of Day

Today's was a war-time registration. The U. S. has been attacked and with the fall of Singapore only a little more than 24 hours old, each of the registrants was gravely aware of the gravity of the situation facing the U. S. and its Allies.

They all realized that it might become necessary, regardless of dependents or vital jobs, for Uncle Sam to call them into his armed forces. And, almost to a man, they were ready.

Early Registration Heavy

One registrant, whose gray hair belied his 40 years, expressed the sentiments of many:

"I have talked the matter over with my wife and daughter," he said, "and we have agreed that if it becomes necessary for me to go we will look upon it simply as a necessary job for me to do."

The registration worked smoothly. A large percentage of the volunteers registrars were veterans of the former two registrations.

Most of the county's 128 draft registration places were filled at 7 a. m. with persons who wanted to register before going to work.

The registration dwindled off after 10 a. m., giving the registrars a needed breathing spell. A rush is expected again after working hours this afternoon and by the time the registration places close at 9 p. m. it is estimated that 30,000 men will have been registered in Marion County.

Take Present 1-A Men First

Today's registration will boost the reservoir of Indiana manpower from which Uncle Sam has drawn and is drawing to approximately 730,000 men—one fifth of the state's population.

Over the nation, 9,000,000 men were registering, bringing the number of men registered throughout the U. S. to approximately 26,000,000.

Under orders from Washington, state draft officials will not release information concerning the number

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Many of the men who run the draft in Marion County were registered themselves today. Among them was Vernon M. Scott (left), chairman of Draft Board 1, who was registered at the Little Flower Church by Paul J. McDuff, 5301 E. 9th St.



His own registration today was not the first experience Tony Hinkle (left), athletic director of Butler University, has had with the draft. He has contributed several of his star athletes to it already. Registering him is Esther Odom, 221 E. Michigan St.

It's 'Father-and-Son' Day As Uncle Sam Calls Again

This was a sort of "Father-and-Son" day for many Hoosier families with both Father and Junior registering for the draft at the same time. Draft Board officials reported that there were "a surprisingly large number" of fathers in the early 40s who came in with their 20-year-old sons.

Some were unable to register at the same time because of their work.

LOTTERY IN MARCH WILL FIX STATUS

Many in 20-21 Bracket
Expected to Serve.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (U. P.)—A lottery some time next month probably will determine the order in which class 1-A men among the 9,000,000 new selective service registrants will be called into military service.

Officials said men classified 1-A in the current registration will not be inducted into the armed forces immediately. Existing lists will be exhausted before the new registrants will be called.

The deferment rate undoubtedly will be high in the 36 to 44 age brackets because of dependents and physical impairments, but a high percentage of the estimated 1,800,000 men in the 20-21 bracket probably will be called to military service.

Fathers and Sons Sign

Men in the 36-44 age group who do fall into the 1-A classification, however, will be subject to call on the same selective basis as applies to the younger men.

There were many cases in the last few days of father and son registering at the same time. Many World War veterans, too, were included in this latest registration.

Detailed questionnaires on vocational experience will be sent to every registrant who has not already been called into the service. There are approximately 25,000,000 such men, including those registering today.

The new survey of vocational experience will fit into current preparations to obtain the most effective use of the nation's manpower in essential production as well as military service.

Call LI-6501

If you have a question about today's box draft registration for men between the ages of 20 and 44, call LI-6501.

A special information service for the registration has been installed at State Selective Service headquarters here. Extra operators are on duty so that calls may be answered promptly.

FEAR 60,000 ARE CAPTURED AT SINGAPORE

Lack of Food and Water
Brings Fall; Believe
Only Few Escape.

LONDON, Feb. 16 (U. P.)—Fear spread today that the entire Empire garrison, estimated at 60,000 men, had been involved in the surrender of Singapore to the Japanese.

Nearly 24 hours after the cessation of fighting, government authorities said they were completely without news of the situation or of the fate of the British, Australian, Indian, Malayan and Sarawak troops.

Women, Children Remain
(Approximately 60,000 British troops surrendered, a Tokyo broadcast said. These included 15,000 British troops, 15,000 Australian and 30,000 Indian soldiers.)

The Tokyo report added there were 120 British women and children remaining in Singapore.

A military commentator disclosed that some time Sunday afternoon, Singapore time, Gen. A. E. Percival, commanding at Singapore, advised Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, United Nations commander-in-chief, that because of heavy losses and lack of water, fuel, food and ammunition his position was hopeless and further defense was impossible, and that he intended to surrender.

Demand Cabinet Purge

The commentator said that he had no information whatever on Axis reports that many Empire troops had evacuated.

"We know nothing," he said. "There was no policy of evacuation. The intention was always to fight it out to the last."

"There was some evacuation of women, children and wounded and there may have been some evacuation in the case of technical troops."

"We had very heavy losses in material."

Japs Gave First Word

The commentator said that the Empire troops in the Malaya campaign included the 18th British division, two brigades of the 8th Australian division, the 9th and 11th Indian divisions, totaling about 55,000 men, plus some fortress troops and supply and ordnance units, making the total considerably higher.

Shocked by the fall of Singapore and asserting that the country faced its gravest situation since the

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JAPS DIRECT NEW BLOWS AT BATAAN

Singapore Fall Increases
Threat to MacArthur.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (U. P.)—Aided by heavy artillery fire and aerial attacks, Japanese infantry is slashing at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Bataan peninsula defense lines at several points, a communiqué said today.

Undaunted by the fall of Singapore, 1,500 miles to the southwest, which has increased the threat to Gen. MacArthur, the outmanned American and Filipino forces were grimly resisting the new Nipponese blows.

The unmuzzling of Japan's artillery along the mountainous and jungle like battlefield stretching across the peninsula, after a week of virtual silence, indicated to military experts that the Japanese commander-in-chief Gen. Masaharu Homma, might be nearly ready to unleash his threatened all-out assault.

"I will be one of the happiest moments of my life if I can become

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Registers Son



ENEMY WINS FOOTHOLD IN JAVA THRUST

U. S., Dutch and British
Fliers Blast 10 Ships;
Fail to Halt Foe.

BY JOHN R. MORRIS

United Press Far Eastern Manager
BATAVIA, Java, Feb. 16.—The Japanese army invading the main Dutch East Indies islands by air and sea captured the destroyed Sumatra oil center of Palembang and thrust close to Allied supreme headquarters on Java today despite, "devastating" counter-blows that blasted 10 enemy transports and warships, including two cruisers, with heavy loss of life.

American, Dutch and British aircraft battered the enemy invasion forces along the Sumatra coast, up the 56-mile Musi River route to Palembang, where the oil facilities had been destroyed, and at three points where enemy transports and warships estimated at 700 well-armed soldiers were landed.

Defenders Still Fighting

Dutch land forces were reported still fighting south of Palembang to hold the railroad line leading southward toward the island of Java.

A communiqué issued by the United Nations Headquarters of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell said that:

1—American and Dutch planes scored direct hits on five troop-laden enemy transports and two cruisers, one of which was set afire off the Sumatra coast. Three Japanese transports previously had been bombed by the Dutch, making a total of eight ships hit in addition to the cruisers.

2—British eight-gun Hurricanes and Blenheim bombers battered the enemy troop transports and barges with bombs and cannon on Indian Aves.

3—Dutch defense forces wiped out five Japanese transports and two cruisers, one of which was set afire off the Sumatra coast. Three British Hurricane and Blenheim bombers battered the enemy troop transports and barges with bombs and cannon on Indian Aves.

Mr. Funk charged that the Prosecutor had promised to "clean up graft and corruption in the county without fear or favor," but that the "same people are doing their same old business at the same old stands." He also charged that Mr. Blue had failed to change the tavern situation or solve the youth problems, as he had pledged.

Prosecutor Blue said today that he had no comment on Mr. Funk's letter.

Pointing out that there are 30 deputies and two investigators on the Prosecutor's staff, Mr. Funk said "surely they are not so overworked as to be unable to investigate the conditions as they exist."

He also alleged that \$3000 paid to 10 "special deputies" put on the payroll during November and December was money "distributed as a sort of year-end dividend to some of the boys who were getting a little impatient, to keep them quiet a little while longer and to get them to consider you with a little more personal favor."

These special deputies were paid

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SCHRICKER ASSAILED JOBLESS AID PLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (U. P.)—President Roosevelt asked his congressional leaders today to try to expedite handling of the Administration's bitterly contested \$300,000,000 program for relieving workers who lost their jobs through wartime conversion of industry.

Mr. Roosevelt was told, it was learned, that opposition to the bill has reached serious proportions because of apprehension in the states that Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt is trying to Federalize unemployment compensation.

Governor Henry F. Schricker of Indiana, urging defeat of the measure, said the "fathers and mothers of this bill, if it has a parentage, were thinking of federalization." He denounced recent federalization of the employment services as an invasion of states' rights.

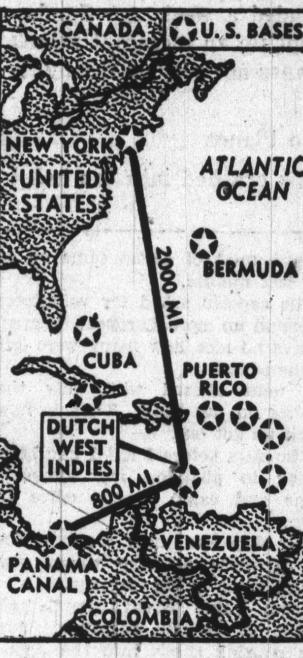
Times Special

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Plans to control the distribution of gasoline will be taken within three weeks, the Wall Street Journal reported today in an analysis of the petroleum situation.

Fuel-filled rationing with ration coupons will follow shortly thereafter, it was predicted. Although stocks are lowest along the seaboard because of diversion of tankers to war uses, it was thought probable the rationing system would be set up on a nation wide basis.

Wall Street Journal Sees
Action in 3 Weeks.

Scene of Attack



FOUR TANKERS HIT 600 MILES EAST OF CANAL

U. S.-Owned Oil Refinery
Victim in First Attack
On This Hemisphere.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dutch West Indies, Feb. 16 (U. P.)—A German submarine deep in the American defense zone east of the Panama Canal has torpedoed four oil tankers and shelled the great American-owned oil refinery on the Dutch island of Aruba, it was disclosed today.

The main enemy submarine attack was the island of Aruba, where American troops were landed recently to protect one of the world's greatest oil centers off the Venezuelan coast and about 600 miles east of the Panama Canal.

Three tankers were torpedoed at Aruba, the Netherlands Indies agency said, while a fourth was torpedoed but not sunk near Willemstad. In the latter attack one person was injured.

The shelling of the Aruba refinery, owned by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, caused only slight damage, the dispatch reported.

Casualties Not Learned
The Netherlands Indies news agency said the shelling of Aruba marked the first land attack on any Western Hemisphere territory in World War II.

There were no casualties on land. The number of casualties among the tanker crews was not immediately learned.

The island of Aruba is about 60 square miles in area, with a population of 10,000. Almost its entire maritime traffic is the importation of crude oil from the wells of the Venezuelan fields operated by affiliates of the Standard Oil Co. and exportation of the refined products.

Three Islands in Group
There are three islands in the group, Curacao, the largest and the site of the capital, Willemstad; Aruba and the island of Bonaire.

Most of the oil from Venezuela is brought by fleets of shallow-draft tankers. It is processed at the Standard refinery.

American troops recently arrived in both Curacao and Aruba, where British forces have been stationed since the German occupation of Holland in May, 1940.

The Caribbean islands refine high-octane aviation fuel important to the Allied war effort and the defense of the Western Hemisphere.

On the War Fronts

BATAVIA: Japs capture Palembang, but ten ships—including two cruisers—are hit in unconditional surrender of Singapore to Japs.

LONDON: Churchill's address fails to appease demands for radical reorganization of government.

RUSSIA: Russian drive into White Russia outflanks Nazi positions; Reds drive to within 85 miles of Poland border.

RANGOON: Jap drive threatens Thaton, 75 miles from Burma Road.

AUSTRALIA: Government orders whole population to "work or fight" as nation braces for Jap invasion attempt.

BERLIN: Heavy British losses claimed in Axis attack on convoy from Alexandria to Malta.

PHILIPPINES: Bataan defenders resist increased heavy Jap artillery and aerial attack.

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