

PLEAS TO SHIFT M'ARTHUR FAIL

'Rescue' From Bataan for Another Command Out For Present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (U. P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur will remain with his troops of Bataan peninsula despite demands here that he be "rescued" from the Philippines for an important command elsewhere, informed quarters believed today.

The fall of Singapore and the possibility of another shakeup in the United Nations Pacific command now headed by Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell has again focused attention on Gen. MacArthur, the outstanding strategist and most colorful soldier of the Pacific battalions.

Order From F. D. R. Needed

"It probably would take an order from the President to get Gen. MacArthur out of there, and perhaps even that wouldn't do it," said an officer who served with Gen. MacArthur in their "shavetail" days.

Around the War Department it was indicated that no efforts would be made to remove Gen. MacArthur, at least so long as his forces continue in their determined stand in the mountains and along the jungle trails of Bataan peninsula.

If the defenders are forced back upon Corregidor fortress in Manila Bay, the question may be re-examined because the stand against the Japanese would then become a matter of holding out under siege, with far less demands on Gen. MacArthur's tactical brilliance.

Would Violate Tradition

Military officials said there is nothing to indicate an imminent "knockout" of Gen. MacArthur's 10 weeks of resistance in Luzon, largest Philippine island, despite indications that a Japanese all-out assault may be unleashed at any hour.

The suggestion of Wendell L. Willkie that Gen. MacArthur be brought out of the Philippines and made head of the U. S. army was treated with skepticism in military quarters.

The proudest tradition of the army that a commander sticks with his men—tradition Gen. MacArthur would uphold as vehemently as any U. S. officer—would be repudiated if he were evacuated now, they said.

Congressmen, like the military officials, said they doubted the advisability of trying to get Gen. MacArthur out, even though his talents would be of great benefit on some other front.

UNUSED TIRES ALSO WEAR, OWNERS TOLD

The Indiana Independent Petroleum Association said today that tires deteriorate just as quickly on cars in dead storage as they do in ordinary driving.

"It's not helping to save rubber to have a lot of cars standing idle in garages. Panicky motorists who have laid up their cars for the duration don't seem to realize that rubber rots when not in use and that they might just as well be getting some benefit from their present tires."

Members of the association recommend these tire rules: Do not run a tire constantly on the same wheel, do not take corners at high speeds, never slam on brakes, have your wheel alignment checked, don't drive at high speed, start gently, and do not bump curbs.

BRITISH SINK 2 SHIPS

LONDON, Feb. 17 (U. P.)—British bombers of the coastal command sank two small ships of an enemy convoy and left a third down at the bows in an attack yesterday in the Bay of Biscay, the Air Ministry said today.

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JAPAN Unmasked

By HALLETT ABEND

Chapter XIV—Sad Exodus

THE FORCED evacuation of more than 30,000 American civilians from the Far East, which began in the autumn of 1940 may seem today to have been a relatively trivial thing when it is compared with the fate that have befallen Honolulu and Manila and other great population centers since then.

But that movement, which at its time was the greatest calamity that had befallen any mass group of American citizens since World War I, now assumes an historical significance.

The causes of that movement will help to make clear the fact that war with Japan was inevitable; and the movement itself must be borne in mind when we come to make peace terms with Japan. She must be made forever powerless to duplicate the conditions which arose in the Orient between the summer of 1937 and her sneak attack upon the United States in December of last year.

This first great exodus did not have to be accomplished under a rain of bombs or to the crackling stutters of machine guns coming out of the skies, but nevertheless it involved haste and fear, irretrievable losses which collectively reached a vast and staggering sum, and uncertainty and the threat of penury for many of those involved.

It involved, too, the pain and wrench of partings, the upsetting of

thousands of lives, and the inevitable deepening of a bitter hate for that group of men and their way of greedy ambition that made this mass movement necessary.

But he went ahead. His wife did not like life down in the city; she wanted a few acres of garden and lawn. Their only daughter would soon be having her coming-out party—they took pride in being able to give her the proper background. So they built in Hungjao, and also built a summer home at Ittis Hook, near Tsingtao. The Ittis Hook place had a background of mountains and pines and firs, and a foreground of shining yellow sand and white-crested tumbling breakers.

The two places together probably cost about \$120,000 in Shanghai dollars—then equal to about U. S. \$40,000. The day of my last visit the places could not be sold for nearly that total, and even if they could have been sold, \$120,000 in Shanghai dollars then worth only about U. S. \$7,000.

That is the kind of "licking" Americans and Britons were taking in China and the Orient generally under Japan's "New Order." Then no one, except a Japanese, a German or maybe an Italian would have bought these properties. They had only to wait to get them simply for the taking.

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ERIC WAS one of those much-abused Shanghailanders known as a "taipan." In other words, he came ashore at Shanghai about 30 years ago from a freighter on which he had been second engineer. Shrewdly estimating the future growth of the port, he set up in business as a marine engineer and surveyor, and prospered and then grew rich. That, the wealth, is what makes him a taipan, and people with funny minds seemed to hold it against taipans because most of them became rich through hard work.

Eric's Hungjao home was a mistake. He bought the land in the early spring of 1932, just after the armistice put a stop to the bloody and fruitless six weeks of fighting between the Chinese and Japanese, which began on Jan. 28 that year and cost upward of 35,000 lives. Eric showed me his land and the plans for his home that spring. I urged him against

it all your beautiful things, your furniture, your silver, your paintings—are you leaving it all here?

Mrs. Eric is ordinarily soft spoken and gentle. But this time she looked around her living room, then out across the terrace

to her peaceful and beautiful garden, which she planned and planted herself, and her voice vibrated strangely when she replied:

"This is my home. I made it myself. We were to grow old here together. If I must lose my home, to hell with the stuff that's in it."

Farewell

SHE TURNED and walked with uncertain steps into the wide front hall and stumbled blindly when she started to mount the stairs.

So on this Sunday afternoon, tears were in my eyes, too, as I scribbled a ribald jest on one of my cards and slipped it into the sleeping Eric's pocket and then went quietly away and drove thoughtfully back to town.

There were Eric's beyond counting all, over the Japanese-dominated portion of East Asia.

In Tokyo and Yokohama and Kobe there were hundreds of American men who had been forced either to abandon their business careers and their fortunes or send their families away while they stayed and ran the risk of internment camps or worse, and the practical certainty of being robbed, one way or another, of the rewards of years or of lifetimes of work. If they did not go to the United States, after Government advice, they stayed entirely at their own risk.

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Church to Honor Leader Since '88

MRS. E. C. RUMPLER, active in the Central Christian Church since 1888, will be honored by the congregation Thursday—the day before her birthday.

Members of Mrs. Rumper's adult women's class will serve as hostesses at the reception to be held at the church. Mrs. James Lowry will sing and talk will be made by Mrs. S. N. Sellers and Mrs. Paul Kirby.

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Momentary Peace

WELL, THAT Sunday afternoon when I got to Eric's walled place his Number One Boy let me in at the front gate and said Master was asleep in the garden. I went quietly through the house, across the terrace and down onto the lawn. There, in the shade of a maple tree turning gold and russet under the quieting hand of autumn, lay Eric sound asleep in a long canvas chair. His dog, lying on the grass at his feet, wagged a friendly tail.

Eric's only child, the beautiful daughter, married to a British official in Hongkong, had been evacuated to Australia six weeks before. Mrs. Eric had sailed for Australia only five days before. I had called on her the day before she sailed.

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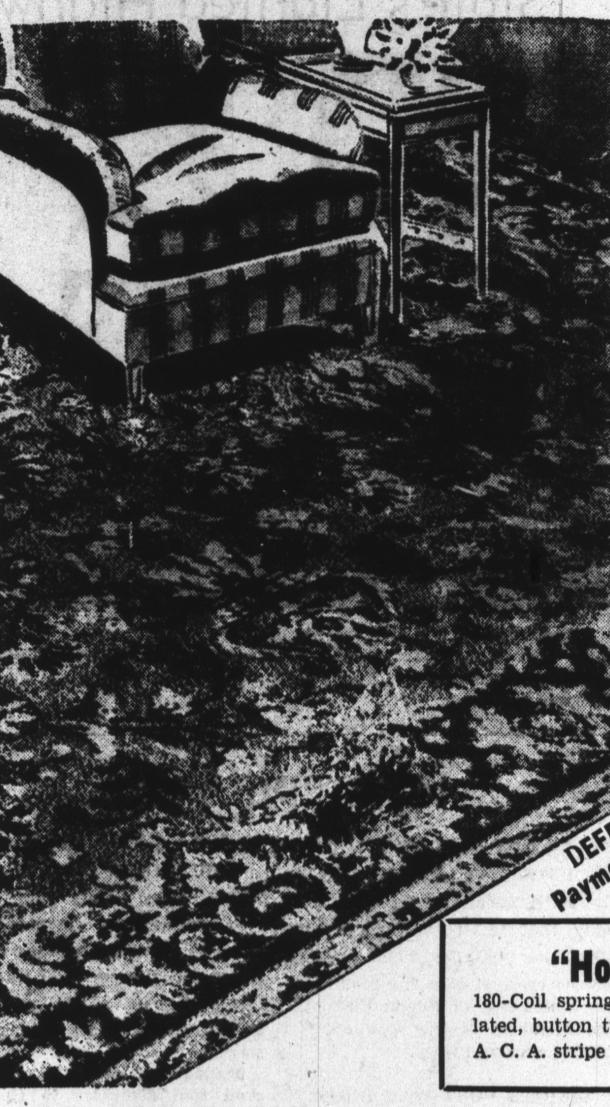
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