

Skips Draft by
China Calendar

PT. WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 17 (U. P.)—Although China and the United States have a common enemy, they don't have a common calendar, a combination of facts which caused some trouble here yesterday.

Chan See Fong, Chinese student at North Side High School, who came to America from China, in 1940 after undergoing bombing in the siege of Canton, was uncertain whether he should register for the draft yesterday.

After checking his passport, and consulting a Chinese calendar at the library, officials decided Chan See was only 18.



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FIGHT IS CLOSER
TO BURMA ROAD

British Battle to Hold New
Front After Line on
Salween Cracks.

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 17 (U. P.)—The imperial defenders of Burma established a front only 50 miles from the Burma Road today, having retreated before a Japanese offensive that cracked the Salween River line at all points.

Abandoning the railroad town of Thaton and the entire area between it and the Salween as far north as Pagan, the defenders withdrew to the west bank of the Ilin River, which flows from north to south into the gulf of Martaban.

Shorten Defense Line

They thus shortened their lines and consolidated their forces but generally advanced the Japanese 20 miles westward from the Salween. Chinese troops were arriving by thousands in the defense lines and other reinforcements were coming in from India and other British Empire points.

Fighting is in progress along an irregular line roughly 50 miles from Pagan, the railroad junction connecting Rangoon with the Burma supply route to China.

A British army communiqué today said that the new line was "holding well."

HINT MISS PERKINS
WILL RESIGN SOON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.)—Congressional circles heard reports today that Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins may resign soon.

Miss Perkins is the first woman cabinet member in history. She and Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes are the only members of President Roosevelt's first cabinet still holding their posts.

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Japs Aim at Java, Burma



Java steeled herself for attack as Jap drives through Sumatra (1), Borneo and Celebes (2) continued after fall of Singapore. Japan also stepped up her attack in the Philippines (3) and swept past Thaton (4), threatening the Burma Road.

Australia:

Total-War Preparations Made; Dutch Call for Help in Java

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 17 (U. P.)—The Netherlands East Indies has appealed to Australia for substantially increased aid and has asked assurances that the allies are determined to defend Java to the end, it was understood today.

News of the Dutch appeal came as the cabinet, at an emergency meeting, ordered the inner war cabinet to announce all regulations necessary for total mobilization of all resources, human and material, throughout Australia to ensure effective defense of the continent against an expected Japanese attack.

An air ministry communiqué announced that in addition to reconnoitering over Port Moresby, the Dutch are holding their posts.

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Dutch Fliers Bomb Palembang; Score Hit on Jap Transport

BATAVIA, Feb. 17 (U. P.)—Dutch bombers, counter-attacking Japanese thrusts toward Java today bombed the Japanese-occupied airport at Palembang, scored one direct hit on an enemy transport ship and bombed two other transports in nearby waters.

The bombers flew through rain and storm to reach the Palembang airport, in the great oil center on Sumatra Island, where they shot down two Japanese fighters.

Previously allied planes had attacked a convoyed line of transports near the Bangka strait, off the mouth of Musi River, and reported scoring hits on eight transports and two cruisers.

The Japanese, meanwhile, bombed and machine-gunned several places on small islands in the Sunda Strait.

A government broadcast urged the people of Java to fight to the last ditch against an imminent Japanese invasion of this strategic island.

The Japanese invasion forces in Sumatra are spreading out and will soon "storm these gates," the people were told by Charles O. Van Der Plas, member of the Netherlands Indies Council.

"Much depends upon your courage and tenacity," he said. "You are called upon to meet your test."

The government ordered that under the scorched earth policy all bicycles in invasion areas must be destroyed.

In Malaya, the Japanese seized all bicycles and used them to filter their advanced troops through jungle trails.

CLAIM VIERECK USED
FREE-MAILING FRANK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.)—The prosecution charged today that George Sylvester Viereck inserted Nazi propaganda in the Congressional Record and then arranged with Rep. Hamilton Fish (R. N. Y.) to mail it free to persons whose names were on a private mailing list in Rep. Fish's possession.

The charge was made by Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney in his opening statement in the trial of the 57-year-old distant cousin of the late Kaiser on charges of failing to disclose the full scope of his propaganda activities when he registered with the State Department as a German agent.

Mr. Maloney declared that Viereck wrote a speech which the late Senator Ernest Lundeen (F. L. Minn.) delivered on the floor of the Senate, entitled "Six Men and War." He said 125,000 copies were reprinted at the Government Printing Office, "a good part of the expense being born by American taxpayers," and distributed under Congressional frank.

"A poor dupe of a clerk named George Hill was instructed by Congressman Fish to go ahead and mail them out," Mr. Maloney continued.

Hill, Rep. Fish's second secretary, was recently sentenced to two to six years in prison for lying to the grand jury which indicted Viereck.

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