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## Fresh Japanese Troops Assault M'Arthur's Lines

# THAILAND INVADED BY CHINESE

### E. SIDE ATTACK ON GIRL SPURS MANHUNT HERE

Tech Graduate Victim of  
Newest Assault; Mayor  
Spurs Police Search.

The criminal attack on a 17-year-old girl in her home spurred all members of the Police Department today to round up men who have been molesting girls and women in the streets and peering into the windows of homes.

Mayor Sullivan ordered an extensive manhunt after he was told how a dark-complexioned man, about 30, gained entrance by a ruse into a Woodruff Place apartment, bound and gagged the girl who was home alone, and assaulted her twice while he held her captive for two hours.

"We must use every resource of the police department to capture the criminal immediately," the Mayor declared.

#### Two Others Molested

An 18-year-old girl and a 54-year-old woman were molested by men in the street last night. The woman was dragged into an alley by a Negro, who ran away with her purse containing \$10 when a taxi driver stopped in response to her screams for help.

The description of the man who invaded the Woodruff Place home yesterday afternoon tallied with that of the man who criminally assaulted three women and girls in the last two months and made improper advances to many others.

He was described as being dark-complexioned, stocky, about 30 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weighing about 160 pounds. He was masked during his two-hour stay in the apartment.

#### A Tech Graduate

The girl was graduated from Tech High School last June. Her mother, who is engaged in business, came home about an hour after the man had left the apartment. She notified the police and called the family physician.

According to the story told to police, the daughter, hearing a buzz, thought there was a package or a telephone call for her at the front door of the apartment building. As she started down the stairs, she was met by a man, who smiled and said:

"I think you are wanted on the telephone."

#### Threatened With Gun

The girl shouted "Hello" several times into the telephone under the stairway, then went back up to the apartment. She became alarmed when she observed that the door of the apartment was ajar, for she remembered closing it when she started down after hearing the buzz.

But she walked back into the apartment. A man (she was not certain it was the same person who smiled at her in the hallway) stepped out from behind the door, and pointed a revolver at her.

It was about 3 p.m. when the mother returned home and gave the alarm.

#### Screams Bring Rescue

Mrs. Stella Kedsorth, 54, of 203 Carrollton Ave., was accosted by a Negro in the 1900 block on College Ave. last night. A night worker at a restaurant, she was on her way home at the time.

"Don't scream; I have a gun," the man warned.

But Mrs. Kedsorth screamed. She attracted a taxi driver, who turned his headlights on the man and woman who were struggling in the alley. The man grabbed her purse, and escaped.

The father of an 18-year-old girl told police a man in an auto tried to entice his daughter into the car on Rural St. about sundown yesterday.

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### Mark Start of Lent



### GREEN-TINTED JAPS SNIPE AT M'ARTHUR MEN

Even Dye Faces to Blend  
With Trees; U. P. Writer  
Nearly a Victim.

By FRANK HEWLETT  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR

Feb. 16 — (delayed) — (U. P.) — Death, in the form of bullets from the rifle of a green-painted Japanese sniper, whizzed past my head today, and I'm shaking yet.

Walking down these Bataan Peninsula battle paths where enemy snipers are lurking is like a boy walking past a graveyard on a dark night. Only you don't dare whistle.

And you don't dare run, either. Better crawl, and jump from tree to tree. You'll live longer, as three American army officers and myself discovered.

#### They're Hard to Find

These Japanese—nicknamed "the rattlesnakes of Bataan"—take particular pains to pick off officers, but under orders of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, counter measures have been taken and the menace is being reduced.

The snipers are still around, though, but they're hard to find.

The one who shot at me and the officers was killed later, and when we saw him we understood why we hadn't even been able to determine where he was firing from.

#### Sniper Still up Tree

He was in green uniform, that blended perfectly with the foliage of the high tree he had climbed. His face was painted green, his hands were green. He wore green shoes.

He wore linesman's climbers to aid in scaling the trees. His ammunition was smokeless.

Our sniper is still up that tree. He had tied himself to a limb, and when an American rifleman picked him off his body remained high in the branches.

#### Two Majors Periled

My experience with the sniper came when I accompanied Maj. Joseph Chabot, New York, and Maj. John Pugh, Washington, D. C. to investigate a situation in a sector where a small group of Japanese had been cut off.

The most famous of Mr. Terhune's works was the novel, "The Voice of Bugle Ann."

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anice Morris Stockton Terhune, noted in her own right as a music composer, and a daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Stevens.

#### Like Hunting Squirrels

Just then a bullet kicked up the dust a foot from where we were grouped. Another whined past my ear. Then two more shots whizzed past.

Before the third and fourth bullets came, however, the four of us were rolling in the brush, and then we crawled behind trees.

A check revealed all had escaped injury so we started squirming through the brush, flat on our bellies. When we were out of range we got our feet again and compared notes. No two could agree on where the shots came from.

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The ashes are those of palms, which were used last Palm Sunday.

RACHEL SORORITY FOR DEATH

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### Dies at 69



### FEAR MASSED FORCES TO TRY FOR KNOCKOUT

Foe's Bombers Shift 1700  
Miles for Blow; U. S.  
Sinks Enemy Barges.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur's last-ditch defenders of the Philippines felt the effects today of Singapore's surrender when fresh Japanese strength, presumably shifted from the Malayan conquest, struck their thinly-held Bataan lines.

A War Department communiqué reported blows by newly-arrived Japanese bombers and artillery.

It also reported that American flying fortresses, attacking a Japanese fleet off Dutch Sumatra, had sunk two enemy barges and were "believed to have destroyed" two Japanese transports.

#### Jap Attack Is Steady

Indicating that the Japanese all-out drive against MacArthur may be beginning, the communiqué told of heavy reinforcements and "almost constant" bombardment of the American-Philippine lines.

More Japanese troops landed at Port Olango on Subic Bay at the top of Bataan Peninsula while planes and artillery blasted the defenders in mounting tempo.

Military officials said that the Japanese aerial reinforcements undoubtedly had been shifted 1700 miles across the China sea for the attempted "knockout" of General MacArthur.

Against this growing enemy air strength General MacArthur has only a few P-40 fighters, without hope of reinforcement.

#### Fortresses Renew Attack

The flying fortress attack upon the Japanese invasion spearheads off Sumatra was the first report of U. S. air action around the Dutch East Indies since Feb. 10 when a formation of P-40 fighters bombed Japanese bombers and destroyed one of them.

The War Department communiqué, reporting attacks from the Pacific battlefronts up to 8:30 a.m. (Indianapolis Time) did not say whether this aerial success was the same one reported from Batavia in a United Nations communiqué.

The latter said that American and Dutch squadrons had sunk a large transport, hit two others and destroyed "many barges" crammed with Japanese troops.

The War Department spoke ominously of the mounting tempo of

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### Bows Out



### U. S. AVIATORS SMASH ENEMY SHIPS OFF JAVA

Pincers Drawing Closer to  
Major Bases in Indies;  
Burma Road Periled.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS  
United Press Foreign Editor

Chinese troops invaded Japanese-controlled Thailand today, but the enemy's Far Eastern offensive hammered heavily against allied defenses in Burma, the East Indies and the Philippines.

The allied main base on Java and the Burma road to China were most seriously menaced by the costly but still advancing Japanese drive.

The enemy was suffering heavy losses, however, in stinging counter punches by American, Dutch, British and Chinese forces.

#### Sink 2 Jap Transports

Two enemy transports were believed sunk by American flying fortresses in Sumatra waters, and many troop-laden Japanese barges were sunk.

American and Dutch planes shot down five enemy bombers in a new raid on the Sogoraya naval base.

Six other Japanese planes were downed over Sumatra.

In the Philippines, the men of Gen. Douglas MacArthur suffered hard blows by reinforced Japanese air and artillery units and faced an intensified assault by enemy infantry reserves landed on the Bataan peninsula.

The radio at Saigon, in Japanese-held Indo-China, reported that Chinese army units were driving into Thailand, near the Indo-China border.

#### Cross Bilin River

Chinese forces have recently arrived in Burma in large numbers and Japanese troops were said to be concentrated in large numbers in northern Thailand, in preparation to stem an allied thrust.

Broadcast by the All-India radio, heard in London, said that the Chinese troops invading Thailand were fighting toward the railroad town of Chennai.

The British position along the Bilin River, in Burma, only 50 miles from the railroad running northward from Rangoon to China, was

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### MAYRIS QUILTS DEFENSE POST

Dancer-Friend of First  
Lady Praised on  
Resignation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.) — Resignation of Miss Mayris Chaney, dancer and close friend of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, from her \$1600-a-year job with the OCD to-day was expected to hasten final enactment of the \$163,789,119 Defense Bill which provides \$100,000,000 for equipment for this unit.

Rep. John Taber, N. Y., ranking Republican member of the House Appropriations Committee said her resignation indicated a trend on the part of the OCD "to get rid of its activities that are outside the law."

"I hope," he said, "that those in charge will confine themselves only to those things the law permits. If they do that, they'll have enough to do."

#### To End Controversy

Miss Chaney's resignation gave as her reason a desire to end the controversy which centered about her as head of the Children's Division, physical fitness in division in Philadelphia.

Her action renewed speculation as to the probable date when Mrs. Roosevelt and Actor Melvyn Douglas will also leave their posts—all anticipated as part of the contemplated reorganization of OCD.

Mrs. Roosevelt, associate director of OCD and head of the voluntary Participation Division, has said she will resign as soon as her department is operating efficiently. Mr. Douglas, head of the arts council, reportedly had been advised that his employers in Hollywood cannot spare his services in deference to his civilian defense work.

Rep. Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.) said he thought Miss Chaney should be commended for her patriotism.

"She undoubtedly thinks she can best serve her country by retiring from the limelight. I think the country could be better off if others would do the same thing."

### BRITISH BREAK UP ATTACK ON CONVOY

#### Three-Day Battle Reported

#### In Mediterranean.

LONDON, Feb. 18 (U. P.) — British planes and warships, fighting off a three-day attack on British convoys in the Mediterranean, scored torpedo hits on at least two enemy cruisers and one destroyer and downed at least five or nine enemy planes, the Admiralty said today. One of the cruisers burst into flames.

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### Pinball Odds— \$12—40 Cents

PRACTICE at a nickel a game, did not make a perfect