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Fresh Japanese Troops Assault M'Arthur's Lines THAILAND INVADDED 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 peeping 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 6 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 buzzer, 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:

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 buzzer.

But she walked back into the apartment. A man (who 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 Kedsworth, 54, of 2063 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. Kedsworth 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.

Mark Start of Lent



As snowflakes lash her face, Mrs. Mattie Keyes, 728 N. East St., reaches a refuge that she has found good in any storm. She goes to church for Ash Wednesday services. The Rev. E. Ainger Powell, rector of Christ Church on Monument circle, welcomes her. The services inaugurated the daily Lenten observance at the church.

Older Downtown Churches Take Lead in Observance

Lent, the annual period of penitence which precedes the commemoration of a 2000-year-old tragedy, began today for the Christians of the world. In Indianapolis, the churches of most denominations were to observe this traditional day of humility with special services.

Downtown, two of the City's oldest churches, Christ Episcopal Church, on the Circle, and St. John's Catholic Church at Capitol Ave. and Georgia St., began the day with appropriate ceremonies.

The Rev. E. Ainger Powell, rector of Christ Church, spoke at the 10 a. m. services. The Rt. Rev. Richard Ainslee Kirchhoff, D.D., bishop of the diocese, preached at noon.

In his sermon, Bishop Kirchhoff called for a turning again to God—"not that he may rescue us from our sorry plight, but that we may gain new insight into his purposes and learn anew to share them."

God and Democracy
The bishop will speak again tomorrow and Friday. He has chosen as his theme for the three days a phrase from the Collect for Ash Wednesday—"Create and Make in Us New and Contrite Hearts."

"While we should never lose sight of our need to repent us of our own personal sins, our own pettiness often makes us lose sight of the great sins of which we are guilty as a people," the bishop said.

"It has been brought home to us in no uncertain terms that one of our great sins has been our loss of conviction in the basic foundations of Democracy. Trace them out and we will find that the foundations of Democracy go back to our belief in God and our confidence in our fellow men."

Ashes Are Distributed
In St. John's Church, the Rev. Fr. Bernard Sheridan blessed the ashes which are put upon parishioners' foreheads in the Sign of the Cross as an act of humility.

The ashes are those of palms, which were used last Palm Sunday, in commemoration of the triumphal procession of Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem centuries ago, when His people honored Him, shortly before He was crucified.

Each year in Catholic churches (Continued on Page Two)

Witnesses said his body was thrown 30 feet. The car was demolished.

A former neighbor of Mr. Altom's said that he leaves a wife and two small children, and was employed at the International Harvester Co. plant.

BLAME SOBORITY FOR DEATH
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 18 (U. P.).—The suicide of pretty Ruth Murray Livingston, 18, a senior in the White Plains High School, was blamed today on the petty jealousies and politics of a social sorority.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
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GREEN-TINTED JAPS SNIPE AT M'ARTHUR MEN

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

By FRANK HEWLETT
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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.

We were in sight of our destination when we stopped to talk with a tank corps lieutenant.

"Any snipers around?" asked Maj. Pugh.

"I haven't heard of a one on the trail," the lieutenant said. We stepped into the middle of the path to talk.

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

"Trying to find those fellows in the trees is like hunting squirrels," one officer explained.

But all in all, our counter snipers are running up a very nice tally on the enemy. And they aren't dressing in green to do it, either.

FEAR U. S. OFFICER DEAD
LONDON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—A British plane en route to Britain was understood today to have crashed at sea off the south coast of England and it was feared all aboard, including a senior American officer, were lost.

Dies at 69



Albert Payson Terhune

AUTHOR OF DOG STORIES DEAD

Albert Terhune, Famous Fiction Writer, Was Prolific Worker.

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Albert Payson Terhune, author of many dog stories, died today at Sunnyside, his home here.

Mr. Terhune had suffered for several years with an heart ailment. He was 69.

He was one of the most prolific and hard-working authors of his day. Dog fancier and important writer on the canine family, Mr. Terhune worked 11 hours a day, six days a week, for 30 years before he decided to slow down.

It was on his 64th birthday that he announced a partial retirement. "I'm going to cut out all serials, articles, stories and lecturing, but I'll continue my weekly syndicated article on dogs, write a book once a year and give occasional broadcasts," he said. "Anyway, if I'm going to get any fun out of life, I'd better start now."

In this latter resolution, Terhune followed the action of his father, the Rev. Dr. Edward Payson Terhune, who also announced his retirement when he reached the age of 64.

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.

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.

Later, a British submarine intercepted the enemy cruisers and scored two torpedo hits on one 8-inch gun cruiser, the Admiralty asserted. (It was not indicated whether the cruiser was one which previously had been hit by the planes.)

Two British merchantmen, damaged by enemy planes, were destroyed by British forces, as the convoy could not keep up with the enemy. All other ships reached their destination, the Admiralty said.

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 communique 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 troopships.

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

More Japanese troops landed at Fort Olongapo 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 battled Japanese bombers and destroyed one of them.

The War Department communique, describing reports 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 communique.

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 (Continued on Page Two)

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Pinball Odds—
\$12—40 Cents
PRACTICE, at a nickel a game, did not make a perfect pinball player of a 16-year-old newsboy.

In fact, his mother told police, the boy put \$12 in the machine over a two weeks' period and the return was 40 cents. The boy said the machine was in a grocery at 223 N. Illinois St., and police arrested Vincent Martoccia, 1236 Edgemont Ave., on a charge of violating the 1935 Slot Machine Act.

DENIES VICHY RUMOR
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—French Ambassador Gaston Henry-Haye said today that all rumors that France was planning to turn Madagascar over to Japan are "without the slightest foundation," and that his country will fight to defend it.

REPORTS NAZIS IN 'GREATEST EFFORT'
Briton Says Big Gliders Among Arms Output.

LONDON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—An official British spokesman said today Germany was making her "greatest effort in war production," presumably for a large-scale Nazi offensive.

He described the German effort as "the greatest ever known" and said the Nazis were known to be manufacturing troop-carrying gliders in large numbers.

Broadcasting over the British radio, A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, said that during the three months since November, the British navy and Royal Air Force had destroyed 148,000 tons of enemy merchantmen along axis supply routes to Libya.

RUSSIA: Red Army tanks bore holes in German lines on central front; gain in drive on Smolensk.

LIBYA: British desert patrols holding; R. A. F. bombs Benghazi.

Bows Out



Miss Mayris Chaney

MAYRIS QUILTS DEFENSE POST

Dancer-Friend of First Lady Lauded on Resignation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (U. P.).—Resignation of Miss Mayris Chaney, dancer and close friend of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, from her \$4000-a-year job with the OGD today was expected to hasten final enactment of the \$163,789,819 Deficiency 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 OGD "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 OGD.

Mrs. Roosevelt, associate director of OGD 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 has 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."

On the War Fronts
EAST INDIES: American and Dutch fliers sink one large Jap transport, damage one or two others in Sumatra waters; enemy closing pincers on Java.

PHILIPPINES: American forces on Bataan under heavy attacks by fresh Jap troops.

AUSTRALIA: Lieut. Gov. H. J. Van Mook tells Australians United States is sending "everything it can lay its hands on" to southwest Pacific for united nations defense.

BURMA: Chinese troops invade Thailand; Japs cross Biliu river toward Burma road.

LIBYA: British desert patrols holding.

MEDITERRANEAN: British naval torpedo planes and submarines score hits on two or three Axis cruisers and one destroyer in three-day sea battle.

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Yank Meets 'Chinese Doll' and Is His Face Red!

By LELAND STOWE

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RANGOON, Feb. 18.—"Hey, you want to hear a really good story?"

We said, "Sure thing, Mick," and joined Pilot Linar Mickelson and half-a-dozen AVG fliers (American Volunteer Group), who were standing ready in their dispersal hut near one end of the runway. There hadn't been an alarm all day.

Mick was sitting on the edge of

a rope-woven settee and Leibolt was stretched out on it flat on his back. Pilot Edward J. Leibolt comes from somewhere near Cincinnati, O., but Mickelson, round-faced and smiling, reached the naval airforce by way of the westlands of western Minnesota.

Fergus Falls, to be exact — the University of Minnesota and North Dakota College.

"The story's on Ed and me," Mick grinned when he uncorked it.

"You know, up at Kunming recently Ed and I were just in from a flight when we saw a passenger plane stabled way down the field. He hopped in a station wagon. Found two European men, two Chinese, and two fifty-looking Chinese women waiting for repairs. We took a second look at those girls and Ed says:

"Any you guys want a ride up to the pavilion?"

"One European said: 'My name's Clarke Kerr. I'm the British Ambassador.'

"WELL, THAT surprised us some but I piled in the back seat with that little Chinese doll. There was one passenger left, a Chinese in civilians with a muffer pulled around his mouth. I asked, shall we take him? But Ed yelled, 'no room.'

"Our car smothered him with dust as Ed went into high."

"At the pavilion Ed and I got along fine with the two Chinese girls but the one with me was the (Continued on Page Two)