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## Darwin Blasted In 2 Raids By 100 Japanese Planes

## U. S. TROOPS ARRIVE IN JAVA

### HOOSIER CAMP AWARDS IN 24 HOURS HINTED

Atterbury Work to Start 2 Days After Contracts Are Let, Wilson Says.

Contracts for the construction of the U. S. army's Camp Atterbury in Bartholomew, Johnson and Brown counties may be awarded within the next 24 hours, it was revealed by Rep. R. Earl Wilson, ninth district G. O. P. congressman.

Construction is scheduled to begin 48 hours after the contracts are let by the U. S. army district engineer at Louisville, he said.

Rep. Wilson conferred with union leaders and state employment service officials at Columbus early this week on problems of supplying skilled labor for the site.

Tense excitement prevails at Columbus, Edinburgh and other towns abutting the giant camp, he said. Approximately 30,000 soldiers will be trained there, over an area slightly larger than Indianapolis.

Hoosier Labor to Be Used

Already, one Chicago contractor has built a construction shack two miles north of Edinburgh in anticipation of getting a contract, he said.

"As far as I know, Indiana labor will be used fully," Rep. Wilson said. "This will be a closed shop job. All skilled labor will be placed through the craft unions."

The way I understand it, the contractors will inform the state, representatives of the unions of the number of men needed and the unions will supply them."

He said the carpenters' union business agent in Columbus had informed him that only 250 carpenters were available there.

Deadline Is Aug. 1

At least 12,000 carpenters may be needed, he said.

One contractor, who expects to get some of the work, said he needed 6,000 carpenters, while another indicated he would need 2,500 more.

The congressman estimated that 18,000 workers would be on the job shortly after construction begins.

The camp must be ready for the army by Aug. 1 or the contractors will be penalized, he said.

Columbus and Edinburgh residents expect to see the highways jammed with cars the day construction begins, Rep. Wilson said.

Boom Believed Certain

Whether Columbus will get a defense housing project will depend on whether it shows signs of becoming another Charlestown, he said.

"They're waiting to see how many workers will commute and how many will look for lodgings in Columbus," he added. "It's hard to get an idea now."

"But I'm certain that there will be a boom down there."

Problems of parking for thousands of cars will be acute, he predicted. The ground at the site is soft and spongy.

Traffic direction on the highways also will create difficulties, especially if a rush develops, he said.

### Gives Up Alimony To Help Win War

Mrs. Edith Ardelle Caldwell, 322 N. Belle Vieu place, has given up her claims to alimony from her divorced husband as her bit to help win the war.

Several weeks ago she was granted a divorce from James Caldwell and was awarded weekly support money for her child.

Her ex-husband then attempted to join the U. S. Marines but was rejected because of the alimony claims against his income.

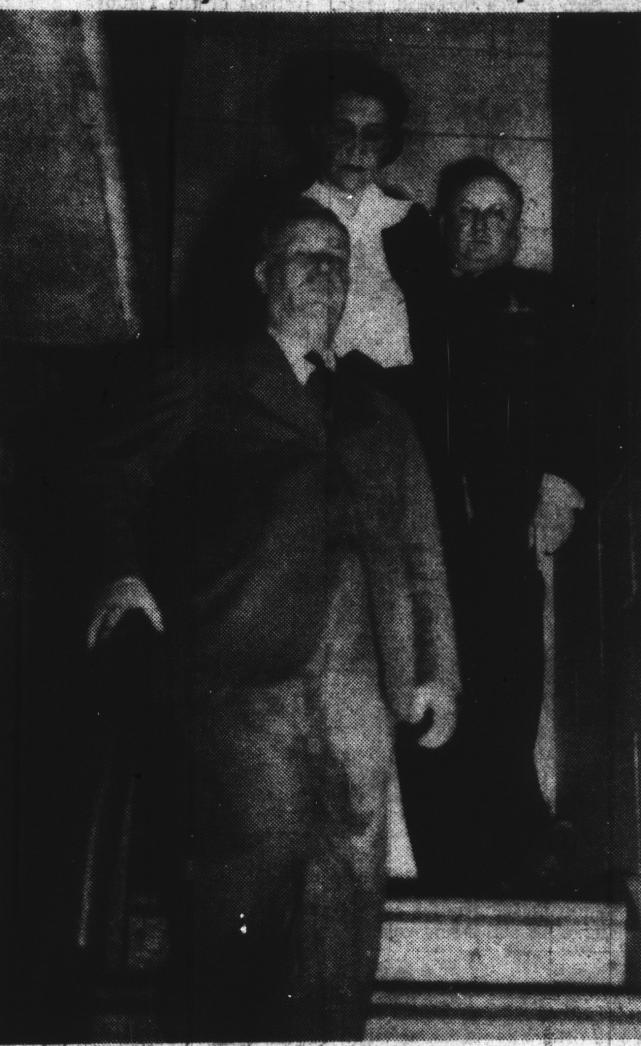
Mrs. Caldwell filed formal papers in Superior Court 4 today, suspending the support payments during her former husband's service in the Marine Corps. Mr. Caldwell now is a Marine.

### Okay, Squirt— This Is War!

LONDON, Feb. 19 (U. P.)—Radio London said today that the Russians are using a new secret weapon.

It is a pump, driven by an electric motor, which squirts cold water upon the Germans who are quickly covered with ice, in the below-zero weather.

### Mrs. Payne's Trial Opens



The accused and her defense. Mrs. Caroline G. Payne, center, sits in what promises to be one of Indiana's most dramatic murder trials, in session with her attorneys, J. Frank Register, front, and Andrew East, rear.

### Keeps Court Waiting While She Powders Face in Cell

By JOHN L. BOWEN  
Times Staff Writer

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 19.—The judge, prospective jurors and attorneys in the trial of Mrs. Caroline G. Payne on a charge of murder had to wait more than half a hour today while Mrs. Payne took time in her jail cell to exercise a woman's prerogative—that of putting rouge on her face.

For the first time since her case came up in Monroe county circuit court, she appeared in the courtroom after applying cosmetics.

She had a heavy coat of lipstick and there was rouge on her cheeks.

The neck showing above the white collar of her black dress was amply sprinkled with a brownish face powder.

#### Seek Women on Jury

Prosecutor Sylvan Tackitt asked all prospective jurors whether they would be willing to recognize a difference between temporary insanity and an "ungovernable passion."

Defense attorneys intimated they would try to place at least two women on the jury.

Due to the prosecutor's announcement that he will seek life, rather than the electric chair, for the tall, dark-haired defendant, the task of selecting a jury has been apparently eased. It was considered possible that the box may be filled late today.

The mercury dropped to zero at the airport this morning and to four degrees above downtown. After it had climbed to 14 degrees by noon, the weather bureau forecast rising temperatures for this afternoon and promised it would be "not quite as cold tonight as last night."

Six-year-old Charles Edward Rohn, 6, received a compound fracture of the left leg in front of his home, 5335 Boulevard Place, yesterday when his sled slid into the path of an auto driven by Harvey Edward Jr., 3532 Central ave. Janet Wilson, 6, of 5408 Graceland ave., also was riding on the sled, but she was uninjured except for a cut on the lips. The boy was taken to Methodist hospital.

Mrs. Clara Marston, 65, of 201 N. New Jersey st., suffered a fracture of the left leg when she fell today at Ohio and New Jersey sts. She was taken to City hospital.

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### BRITISH RAZED BIG NAVY BASE AT SINGAPORE

\$400,000,000 in Defenses Blown Up Prior to Capture, Official Says.

By HAROLD GUARD  
United Press Staff Correspondent

BATAVIA, Feb. 19.—Britain's \$400,000,000 naval base at Singapore, British naval officers said today, was blown up before being abandoned to the Japanese.

Demolition of the huge installations on which 15 years of effort had been spent, was in progress steadily during the final days of the Singapore campaign.

Vast quantities of supplies and equipment were removed by naval personnel. What could not be removed was destroyed.

Causeway Not a Factor

The base itself, located on the north side of the island, was fitted for repair and maintenance of naval vessels. It had no defenses or its own, depending for protection upon the great forts and guns guarding the sea approaches to Singapore.

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I do not believe that any of the great 15-inch and 18-inch batteries on which Singapore relied for defense ever went into action. They were pointing the wrong way. The British strategists never thought an attack from the land side was possible.

Lack of Planes Fatal

When the British withdrew to Singapore island, they blew up the causeway to the Johore shore but caused only a 30-yard break. They knew the Japanese would easily repair this gap but they also knew that the main invasion effort of the Japs would be made at other points along the straits where better cover was available. In this, the British officers proved correct.

What was important, of course, was the lack of aircraft. To the last day of the battle I visited the Seletar airrome, the biggest Royal Air force station in Malaya. There were only three planes there, all out of commission.

The Tengah airrome on the west side of the island was also devoid of planes. The Kallang airrome was the only field where planes was in action in the final hours.

### MRS. PARRY, FRIEND OF RILEY, IS DEAD

Noted Hostess Got Poet His First Reading Date Here.

Active in G. O. P. 20 Years

Another friend of James Whitcomb Riley was gone today, with the death of Mrs. Heskie D. Parry, widow of David M. Parry, manufacturer of buggies that carried the name of Indianapolis around the world.

Mrs. Parry died yesterday in the Parry home, Golden Hill, where in the early part of the 20th century she and her husband had entertained outstanding figures of the literary, theatrical and industrial world. She would have been 87 April 22.

The Parrys were known throughout the country as charming hosts and a landmark in front of their home. She was a totem of hospitality.

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### Niblack Sees Punchboards 'Every Place'; Wonders Why Court Cases Are So Few

Judge John Niblack of Municipal court knows there are punchboards all over town.

"I see them every place I go," he said in court today.

"But what puzzles me," he added, "is that so few punchboard law violations are ever brought to court."

Before him today was only the fourth punchboard violation case in three months.

Louis Tzucker of 228 N. Meridian st. was charged with advertising a lottery because it was testifed in court. Detective Sergt. John Sullivan saw him try to sell an "American Legion Auxiliary" punchboard to Leo Dorn, druggist at 672 Massachusetts Ave.

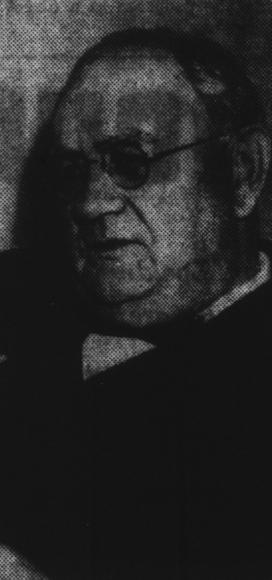
He said Mr. Dorn refused to buy it because it was "illegal" despite the assertion of Mr. Tzucker that "there would be no trouble with the police on this one."

Sergt. Sullivan said he got some more punchboards out of Mr. Tzucker's car after he had made the arrest.

Judge Niblack said he was "not interested in these other boards."

"I am interested in this one with the Legion Auxiliary's insignia in

### White in Race



### SEEKS POST OF PROBATE JUDGE

G. O. P. Candidate Calls for Free, Open Primary; on Bench Since '26.

Urging a free and open primary, Judge Dan V. White of municipal court 2 today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination as probate court judge.

"The naming of unopposed candidates by political organizations is not in harmony with the times and is contrary to the very things we are fighting for today," Judge White said.

Judge White has presided over municipal courts since they were established in 1926, having been appointed by four different governors.

He originally was appointed to the criminal division of the municipal court and in 1928 was transferred to the civil division, where he has since presided except for three months when he returned to the criminal bench at the request of the late Governor Harry G. Leslie to curb objectionable activities of professional bondsmen.

Judge White was born on a farm near Windfall, Ind., in 1883 and came to Indianapolis in 1906, entering the practice of law in 1909 after graduation from the Indianapolis College of Law. He served as deputy prosecutor under William H. Remy.

Active in G. O. P. 20 Years

He has lived in Irvington many years at 32 N. Arlington ave., and has been active in Republican politics for more than 20 years. He is a member of the Irvington Republican club, the Irvington Masonic Lodge, the Friends church, the Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Shrine, Scottish Rite, Shriners, Grotto and the Century club.

Judge White said that if elected probate court judge he would eliminate all politics from administration of the court's affairs.

"Probate court is concerned with the interests of more people than almost any other tribunal in the state and they are entitled to a complete absence of politics and influence in the administration of their affairs," he said.

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Details Are Awaited

Postmaster General William P. Ashley, receiving it from a messenger, hastily penciled a note to Army Minister F. M. Forde, who at once read it to the council.

The government urgently sought details, including the type of planes used and their starting point—an airport carrier in the waters north of Australia or one of the Japanese-occupied airfields in the Australian defense zone.

REPORT TRAIN WRECKED

LAKE WORTH, Fla., Feb. 19 (U. P.)—Police said today that "six or eight" ambulances had been sent southward to nearby Hypoluxo on a report that a Seaboard Air Line railroad train had been "wrecked" there. Seaboard offices at Miami said no details were available.

Details Are Awaited

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson warned the nation today that it must expect sporadic attacks on our coasts, but said every effort is being made to gain the offensive in crushing the axis.

He told a press conference that about the only way to win the war is to "take a vigorous offensive against the enemy," and the surest way to lose it would be to yield to pressure for protection that would divide the might of our striking forces.

Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, after an appearance before the House naval affairs committee, told reporters that the navy is making every effort to guarantee coastal security but that there is "a lot of bread and very little butter—it will have to be buttered very thin."

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### LOSSES HEAVY IN 1ST ATTACKS ON AUSTRALIA

4 Enemy Planes Are Shot Down; No Word on Death Toll.

By BRYDON TAVES  
United Press Staff Correspondent

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 19.—A strong Japanese air force of about 100 bombers protected by fighters heavily bombed the north Australian port of Darwin twice today, inflicting considerable damage on military installations in the vital industrial base. At least four enemy bombers were shot down.