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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, Edinburg 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 Edinburg 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 6000 carpenters, while another indicated he would need 2500 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 Edinburg 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 Charleston," he said.

"They're waiting to see how many workers will commute and how many will look for lodging 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 View 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.

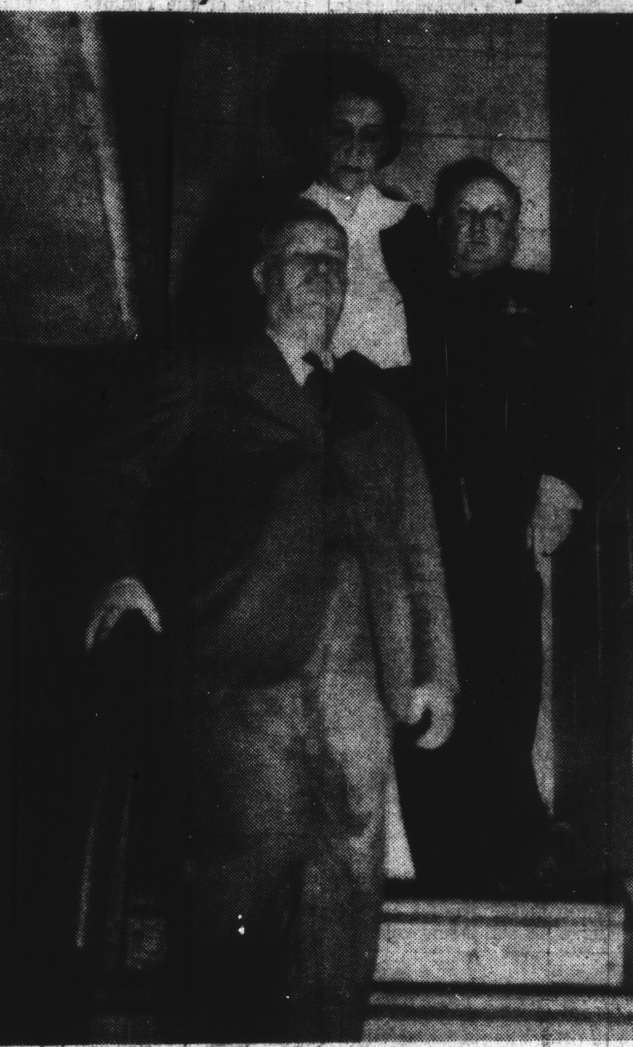
Mrs. Caldwell filed formal papers in Superior Court today, suspending the support payments during her former husband's service in the Marine Corps. Mr. Caldwell now is a Marine.

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 defenders. Mrs. Caroline G. Payne, central figure, is what promises to be one of Indiana's most dramatic murder trials, in shown with her attorneys, J. Frank Beggs, front, and Q. A. 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 "unrecoverable 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 appreciably eased. It was considered possible that the box may be filled late today.

Courtroom Is Filled

The courtroom, on the third floor of the stone block courthouse, which occupies an entire square in the heart of Bloomington, was filled to overflowing shortly after the doors were opened.

There are few persons in Bloomington, from bootblack to business executive, who are not directly or indirectly acquainted with Caroline Payne. From the obscurity of a rooming house catering to students at Indiana university, she developed in a decade to a two-flisted businesswoman and politician.

Today she faces charges of murder. (Continued on Page Five)

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dutch West Indies, Feb. 19 (U. P.).—A Panama-registered tanker was torpedoed this morning off the Dutch island of Aruba, the Aneta news agency said today.

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BRITISH RAZED BIG NAVY BASE AT SINGAPORE

\$400,000,000 in Defenses
Blown Up Prior to Cap-
ture, 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.

Destruction 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 of its own, depending for protection upon the great forts and guns guarding the sea approaches to Singapore.

The only guns at the base were some anti-aircraft installations and some light field artillery, moved up when the Japanese reached the Johore side of the straits.

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 could 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. In the last days of the battle I visited the Seletar airfield, the biggest Royal air force station in Malaya. There were only three planes there, all out of commission.

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

MRS. PARRY, FRIEND
OF RILEY, IS DEAD

Noted Hostess Got Poet His
First Reading Date Here.

Another friend of James Whitcomb Riley was gone today, with the death of Mrs. Hattie 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 famous 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 house was a totem pole, which had (Continued on Page Five)

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, Sahara Grotto and the Century club.

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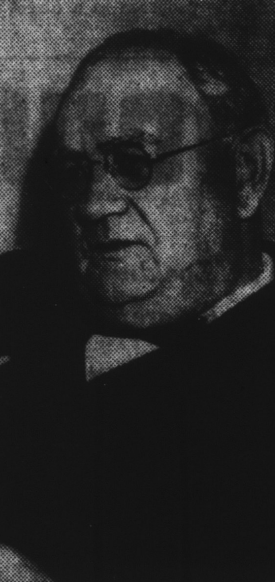
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White in Race



Judge Dan V. White

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.

"I hope that this office (probate court) and all other offices in Marion county will be strongly contested for by qualified candidates. The people will have confidence in candidates offered as public servants by the political parties if these candidates have been selected in the American way."

Chosen by Four Governors

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.

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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 allied base. At least four enemy bombers were shot down.

The first attack on the Australian continent was made by approximately 75 bombers, accompanied by fighter planes, while 21 bombers participated in the second raid this afternoon.

Much Damage Caused

Prime Minister John Curtin said that at least four of the 21 bombers that attacked the city and port in the second raid were downed.

Mr. Curtin's announcement, made from a sick bed, said that the bombers had caused considerable damage but that details were not available concerning loss of life.

"Our armed forces and civilians behaved gallantly," Mr. Curtin said. "I have no information regarding casualties but it is most obvious that we suffered."

"Australia has now experienced direct physical contact with the war," he said. "The policy of the government is total mobilization for all Australia."

"Until we have put the necessary machinery into motion, all Australians must voluntarily answer the government's call. Everything must be given, completely, to the nation."

"The first attack was made by an air fleet including 72 twin-engine bombers and the second attack by 21 twin-engine bombers."

News Arrives Dramatically

One Australian air force announced Australian planes had encountered Japanese fighter planes in opposition over the Bismarck islands, northeast of the continent, in their reconnaissance flights yesterday. Japanese attempts to interfere with the Australian planes were unsuccessful, it was added.

In attacking Darwin the Japanese had extended their aerial offensive 1100 miles to the west from New Guinea.

News of the first Darwin raid was received dramatically during a session of the war council, through a message filed in Darwin, while the attack was still in progress, by the director general of the Darwin postoffice.

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Status Puzzles



Sgt. Fred C. Behrens

DOUBT MARINE
WAR PRISONER

Son Wrote Parents Feb. 14;
Now Among 24 Hoosiers
Feared Held by Foe.

The navy department today listed 24 Hoosiers as presumably prisoners of war, but the announcement left one Indianapolis family puzzled.

The prisoners are those the department believes were taken by the Japanese when they captured Chinese and Pacific outposts in December. The total was 1008 naval and marine corps officers and men and 1200 civilians from all sections of the country.

Included in the list of Hoosiers was the name of Sgt. Fred C. Behrens, U. S. Marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Behrens, 606 Parkway ave. The parents are puzzled by the announcement because they have been receiving letters regularly from their son. In fact, the last one came yesterday postmarked Feb. 14.

Son Sent Defense Bond

Mr. and Mrs. Behrens said they also received a short letter together with a defense bond from their son, who was a member of the 16th battalion, Marine corps reserve, at Indianapolis, when it was called into service Nov. 8, 1940.

Sgt. Behrens was stationed at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7. His letter of yesterday said—"I can't say much for myself only that I am keeping pretty busy