

ALLISON-MOTOR PLANES LAUDED

War Department Telegram
Links Workers Here and
Victory Over Java.

How the assembly line at the Allison plant won a battle against Japanese bombers over Java was described today in a telegram from the war department.

The telegram, from Assistant Secretary of War Lovett to F. C. Kroeger, general manager of the Allison division of General Motors, said Curtiss P-40 fighter "planes are getting tough assignments over the Netherlands Indies"—and showing that both American fliers and American fighters are tough.

Pilot Saved by Parachute

"Last week 18 Curtiss P-40 fighters intercepted 25 heavy Japanese bombers and two fighters, over Java," the message said. "Our pilots destroyed five of the enemy bombers and one fighter."

"We lost one plane but the pilot parachuted to safety."

"Nine other Curtiss fighters intercepted six Jap pursuit planes over Java, shooting down four. Then they kept right on to a Japanese-held air field in Sumatra and despite intensive anti-aircraft fire, bombed installations there. All returned safely to their base."

"Keep on Giving"

Mr. Lovett closed his telegram with this greeting to Allison employees:

"Credit for these operations must be shared by you men and women who helped make these planes. You keep on giving them to us and we'll keep on fighting them."

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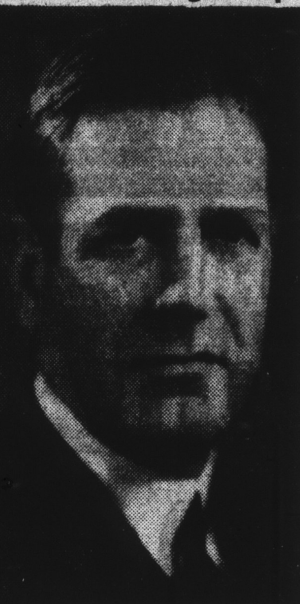
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Seeks Judgeship



Joe Rand Beckett Enters G. O. P. Primary for Superior Court.

Joe Rand Beckett, former state senator and former assistant attorney general of Indiana, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for judge of superior court, room 4.

While a member of the state senate, Mr. Beckett was active in tax reduction legislation and served as secretary of the tax commission created by former Governor Leslie.

Helped Get Convention

Admitted to the bar in 1916, he is associated in law practice with his father, Wymond J. Beckett. He was active in obtaining the American Bar association convention for Indianapolis last year and served as general chairman of arrangements.

An overseas veteran of the first world war, Mr. Beckett was an artillery captain and later major. He has been active in Legion affairs and has served as its state legislative chairman. Four years ago, he assisted in the reorganization of Republican veterans and has served as chairman of the board of directors.

Native of City

Born in Indianapolis in 1891, Mr. Beckett attended public schools here and graduated from Manual High school. He attended the University of Illinois and received his law degree from the Indiana Law school. He is married and lives in Decatur township.

He is a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana and American Bar associations, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Service club, of which he is past president; Forty and Eight, Beta Theta Pi, Masonic lodge and is a Methodist.

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK; CONDITION CRITICAL

Henry F. Pottschmidt, 61, of 2622 E. Michigan st., was in critical condition at City hospital today from injuries received yesterday when struck by an automobile driven by Gus Rosenbarger, 21, of 87 N. Irvington ave.

Mr. Pottschmidt was walking across the street at Davidson and Washington sts. when he was struck.

ACCOUNTING FOR AID IS DEFERRED

U. S. and Britain Sign Pact
Assuring Each Access
To Raw Materials.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (U. P.).—Great Britain and the United States agreed today to postpone indefinitely the final day of settlement on the costs of the lend-lease program.

The agreement, which was announced by the White House and in London, was signed yesterday by acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles and the British ambassador, Lord Halifax.

It committed both nations to

virtually unlimited free trade and access to raw materials.

"It is too early in this struggle to foresee or define the precise and detailed terms . . . of settlement between the two countries," the announcement said, adding that "full account will be taken of all reciprocal aid" when a final accounting is made.

Supporting the basic premise that Great Britain and the United States "shall fight together to the final victory," the agreement stated that the final determination of the benefits provided by this country to the British under lend-lease would not "burden commerce between the two countries."

SOVIETS SQUEEZING SMOLENSK PINNERS

LONDON, Feb. 24 (U. P.).—Russian communiques indicated today that the jaws of a pincer movement were rapidly closing on Smolensk, bastion of Germany's hard-pressed defenses on the central front.

Radio Moscow broadcast that Soviet forces had occupied "several inhabited localities, among them Dorogobuzh."

Reports from the front spoke of "increasingly stubborn resistance," and the Russians said they were throwing large reserves into the battle.



Today's War Moves

By LOUIS F. KHEMLE
United Press War Analyst

The heavy cost which the Japanese paid for their landing on Bali gives a clue to the weak spot in their armor which is likely to prove their undoing in the long war which lies ahead.

By their simultaneous attacks over a vast area covering the entire southwestern Pacific and southeastern Asia, the Japanese have kept the inadequate defenses of the united nations scattered. The allies were unable to concentrate for the defense of any given point, for a score of points were threatened.

The Japanese were able to pick their spots and strike at will, without warning. This explains their continued series of successes.

In so doing, however, the Japanese have spread themselves rather recklessly thin. Since the allies are likewise spread thin, it is a safe enough Japanese gamble for the time being.

May Reverse Process

The allies are not yet strong enough to take advantage of Japanese over-extension. The enemy may and probably will run Gen. Douglas MacArthur out of the Philippines; they may take Java and thus command all of the Indies.

But this vast area of land and sea, once taken, will have to be held. It entails a staggering problem of communications and supply lines, with a wide diffusion of naval and air strength for protection.

It is conceivable that just as the Japanese have swept through the islands, the united nations will be able to reverse the process and take them back one by one when they have reached full strength and attained definite superiority at sea and in the air.

Another Luzon Predicted

Despite their losses in the engagement off Bali, the Japanese succeeded in taking the island, although the Japanese schedule was set back. But another expedition may be expected at Bali shortly.

The Japanese, meanwhile, are blasting Java from the air in preparation for the invasion.

The battle of Java may be expected to result in the severest fighting so far in the southwestern Pacific.

Java not only is the most strongly defended island but the most defensible. Its terrain, including the mountains, gives at least the promise of another Luzon.

JAPS BELITTLE FDR'S SPEECH

Tokyo Likens Address to
A 'Pep Talk' by a Football Coach.

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (U. P.).—(Japanese Broadcast Recorded in New York).—A Dome news agency dispatch today likened President Roosevelt's Washington birthday speech to a "pep talk by an infatuated football coach" and characterized it as a "freside disappointment."

It said the speech was couched in generalities and offered only hope for a victory in the distant future.

It said a "noteworthy naval commentary" to the speech was furnished by a report that a Japanese warship was shelling objectives on the American mainland at about the same time Mr. Roosevelt was pouring out his speech to the world from the White House.

Authoritative naval circles belittled the President's assertion that only three American warships were permanently disabled in the attack on Pearl Harbor. They said that the united nations' naval activities in the Pacific amounted only to a record of defeats without a single outstanding victory to date.

Observers described Mr. Roosevelt's assertion that "this war is an entirely new type of warfare as an attempt to defend the allied defeats, particularly of the United States navy, by the Japanese navy."

KEEP AXIS APART—PEPPER
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (U. P.).—Senator Claude Pepper (D. Fla.) said last night that the united nations must prevent a junction of German and Japanese forces "at all costs." He spoke at a Washington birthday dinner.

RAPS FOOD RACKETEERS

LONDON, Feb. 24 (U. P.).—Solicitor General Sir William Jowitt advocated today that a war court be created with power to sentence Britain's "black market" racketeers to death before a firing squad, if necessary.

EVANSVILLE FIRE KILLS ONE

EVANSVILLE, Feb. 24 (U. P.).—George G. Rosenkranz, 25, Evansville, died yesterday of burns received last Tuesday when kerosene he was using while working in the family's commercial garage became ignited.

'REASSURING,' SAYS HOOVER OF SPEECH

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (U. P.).—Former President Herbert Hoover thought that President Roosevelt's speech was "reassuring . . . encouraging . . . and stimulating."

"The President rightly brings home that there is just one task before America; that is, to win the war, no matter what the sacrifice," he said. "He rightly asks for unity in that service."

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