

## U-BOAT PERIL STILL SERIOUS

Sinkings Decline but Nazis Continue Sub Building, Davis Warns.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U.P.)—Director Elmer Davis of the office of war information said today that German submarines did not sink as many American ships in December as in previous months, but he warned that the U-boat menace is still very serious.

He told a press conference that construction of merchant ships by the United Nations exceeds the number of ships being sent to the bottom.

At the same time, however, he declared that Germany continues to produce more submarines monthly than are sunk by the allies.

He said the publication by the state department of its recent white paper disclosing Japanese plans, as early as January, 1941, to attack Pearl Harbor remained a source of continued indignation to the axis.

### Broadcast Propaganda

He quoted from a German broadcast to North and South America which stated that the white paper was a "Mockery made up of lies and cowardice" and a "gigantic swindle." A Rome broadcast described the white paper as a "series of counterfeits."

Tokyo broadcasts adopted the same theme, Mr. Davis said.

He said reports indicate the Japanese are massing a large armada in the Solomons, but that bombers from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Southwest Pacific command have done "a very good job" on that fleet.

He refused to predict when the war would end.

## Where 6 Died in Bowling Alley Fire



Firemen are shown here fighting the flames that swept the Beverly Hills recreation hall on Chicago's South side. Six men perished and more than 100 were hospitalized, several in critical condition.

## His Gramophone Played 'Beautiful Isle' Then They Buried Beloved 'Pop' in New Guinea

By GEORGE WELLER  
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WITH AMERICAN FORCES, New Guinea, Dec. 26 (Delayed).—In the spotted light and shade of the creeper-hung Papuan jungle, the gramophone's voice sounded thin and unreal.

It was hot, sticky and oppressive, of New Guinea's marsh-born odor of aged mud and dried Kunai grass. The gramophone was playing deadly war going on here.

"Beautiful Isle." No leaf stirred. Finally the record came to a close and the music ceased.

The body of Maj. Lemuel Edward Day, of Chicago, the most beloved surgeon of the American forces battling in the bitter mud of Papua, was lowered with all care into his grave.

There was no flag to cover him, nor bugler to sound taps. This is a

memorial to the 100th Inf. and mill-

tary appurtenances like flags and bugles are still far away.

But the staff of his small and much-bombed field hospital felt that they had to do something for "Pop" as they called him. So, after the Baptist chaplain read the funeral service, they wound up Pop's old gramophone which had been played to cheer them up in the grass-roofed hospital's hardest times, put on his favorite "Beautiful Isle" and played that.

It was something extra because, although sacrifice is the law of medicine, few give their lives as Pop Day gave his.

"Pop gave his life to the Papuan campaign just as certainly as any soldier who falls fighting his way across the swamp," said Capt. William F. Edwards, of New Albany, Ind.

Pop Day was a big man weighing 234 pounds. His incredible labors in great danger in the campaign on the northern side of the Owen Stanley's had pared his muscular frame down to about 200.

When he died, sleeping in a tent with six fellow doctors, his normally dark hair had turned wholly gray.

Day died of heart failure during the night when some Jap bombers which had before harassed his hospital with bombing and strafing were overhead. But on his last evening, he was as busy as ever when the air alarm sounded, getting wounded soldiers into slit trenches.

On Nov. 24, the hospital he had set up after flying across the mountains to a secret airfield, was bombed and the next day it was strafed by zeros, despite the 40-foot Geneva cross on the ground.

Five days later, on Nov. 30, a Jap bomber came low, strafed three times, then dropped a demolition bomb.

Then followed the war anniversary attack on Dec. 7. In this deliberate and inexorable attack, nine patients were killed, another body of one who crawled away to escape Jap fire having been discovered in the grass the afternoon before Maj. Day died.

When the bombing began Day was amputating on his crude operating table. He suffered his first heart attack then, but he continued to work.

Maj. Day, who was 46, now shares a small cemetery with three fallen Australians and three Americans.

## SIX PERISH IN CHICAGO FIRE

Bowlers Flee in Panic as Fire Explodes Shellac On Runways.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (U.P.)—Six persons burned to death and scores suffered shock and minor injuries today in a panic-stricken attempt to escape through congested doors and exits from a fire that destroyed a crowded recreation parlor in the fashionable Beverly Hills district.

Five persons were in a critical condition out of the 100 or more burned.

The bodies of five men were found at 4:30 a.m. in the ruins of a washroom where firemen believed they had rushed in a mistaken attempt to find protection from the blaze. Firemen found the body of janitor Joseph Bingham in the basement.

Firemen, answering the 5-11 and a special alarm, battled the flames for five hours before it was safe enough to enter the brick shell that was all that remained of the popular recreation resort.

Identify All Bodies

The charred bodies in the washroom were identified as those of William Gutrich, 19, son of a Chicago policeman; Thomas Podgornik, Carl Dedeo, Anthony Erris and Philip Gardner.

The fire broke out shortly before midnight while between 200 to 300 men and women crowded the bowling alleys, restaurant and cocktail lounge housed in the one-story, modern-style, brick building. Witnesses said the fire started at the back of the bowling alleys and made itself evident by a thin trickle of smoke that spread across the 20 alleys.

The crowd watched the smoke with curiosity until the heat struck the shellac on the highly-polished wooden alleys causing an explosion. Panic followed. Many persons rushed to the large combination men's and women's lounge at the front of the building, where a clerk called the fire department.

The first firemen to arrive were told about those trapped in the lounge. The firemen broke through the windows and glass doors and rescued those trapped.

ARGENTINA TO GIVE REPLY ON NIEBUHR

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 6 (U.P.)—The government soon will publish its reply to the German refusal to waive the diplomatic immunity of Capt. Dietrich Niebuhr, the German naval attaché, who has been connected with an espionage ring, it was understood today.

The Germans were said to have refused on the ground that the accusation against Niebuhr was made by a belligerent, the United States. Argentina had wanted his diplomatic immunity waived so he could be tried by the courts in this country.

Niebuhr probably will be declared persona non grata and the Germans will have to recall him.

MACARTHUR GIVES POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Jan. 6 (U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today awarded distinguished service crosses posthumously to three American enlisted infantrymen killed in the battle for Buna, New Guinea.

The decorations will be presented to kin of First Sgt. Reuben Steger of Marshfield, Wis.; Sgt. Boyd L. Lincoln, Hersey, Mich., and Pvt. Harold Garber of La Follette, Tenn.

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## Rhoads Uses Merit System In Own Court Appointments

By NOBLE REED

The political patronage system of appointing government employees was abandoned entirely by W. Mark Rhoads, new Republican juvenile court judge, in organizing his staff of 30 workers today.

"I have decided that filling these jobs on a purely political basis would impair public confidence in the court and probably result in some unpleasant and complicated situations," Judge Rhoads said.

He announced that he would follow strict merit system procedure, filling vacancies with only qualified workers regardless of their party connections.

All Must Qualify

As a result, more than 90 percent of the old juvenile court staff built up by former Judge Wilfred Bradshaw, Democrat, will be retained indefinitely, Judge Rhoads said.

"I haven't even replaced the clerical employees," he said. "I'll leave the staff as it is until such time as better qualified workers are found for specific jobs."

In attempting to reorganize the probation staff of investigators, Judge Rhoads found that there were no eligible applicants other than those already on the job.

Under the juvenile court law, probation workers must qualify under examinations prescribed by the probation department. The eligible list is all but exhausted.

Charles Boswell, chief probation officer for juvenile court during the

Democratic regime, will be retained in that position along with most of the other Democratic appointees.

Formal announcement will be made in a few days of the appointment of Al G. Cooley as assistant chief probation officer. For the last eight years, Mr. Cooley has been serving in a Democratic post as criminal court investigator. He is already at work in juvenile court.

CROSS AWARDED TO COMMANDER SMALL

PEACE HARBOUR, Jan. 6 (U.P.)

—Capt. Ernest G. Small, commander of the heavy cruiser Salt Lake City, who played a major role in the smashing of a Japanese fleet headed for Guadalcanal on the night of Oct. 11-12, was awarded a navy cross today.

"Due to his aggressiveness and determined action and through his skill and devotion to duty," Admiral Nimitz said, "a superior Japanese force heading for Guadalcanal was destroyed or turned back."

But this time there will be assistance from the government.

Since the storm cracked about the ears of Washington bureaucracy regarding the failure of rationing, particularly evidenced by the fuel oil situation, the heads of OPA have changed their tone, according to local boards.

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## RATION BOARD'S PATH SMOOTHED

Ready to Do Efficient Job

With War Book 2,

Taggart Says.

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thought they were doing a tremendous job in past rationing, will find a monumental task confronting them in what Mr. Taggart terms "the biggest mass rationing job so far."

"Every man, woman and child in Marion county is affected. Every one is entitled to a book," Mr. Taggart said.

But these new books must be "tailored." The workers will have to be drilled on the meaning and value of points, for when excess stocks are declared, boards will have to take the necessary coupons out of the books before they are issued.

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