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American Submarine Sinks 17,000-ton Jap Liner

Thought to Have Been Used as Aircraft Carrier in Far East; MacArthur Still Maintains Bataan Fight

By JOE ALEX MORRIS

Allied fighting forces were in action today on land, sea and air fronts, stretching from the Atlantic seaboard to gravely-threatened Singapore. American operations were concentrated in dealing with axis submarines off the Atlantic coast, where a 9,577-ton freighter, Norness, was sunk 60 miles from Long Island, and in the Bataan peninsula of the Philippines, where the forces of General Douglas MacArthur fought off "aggressive" Japanese attacks and downed two or more bombers that again attacked Corregidor fortress.

The navy department, asserting the danger from enemy submarines off the Atlantic coast remained "substantial," said that an American submarine had torpedoed and sunk a Japanese liner of 17,000 tons, a vessel in the Yawata Class. The Yawata Maru, one of Japan's best ships, is a vessel of 16,500 tons.

But on the Malaya peninsula and in the Dutch East Indies the battle against the Japanese offensive toward Singapore was growing steadily and more intensive and allied commanders in Burma were considering the counter-attack into Thailand with the aid of Chinese and Indian reinforcements.

The British positions in defense of Singapore obviously was serious and was arousing criticism in London and Australia, although aerial reinforcements apparently had arrived and aided in fighting off a new enemy bombing attack this morning. At least two Japanese bombers were shot down.

Axis radio broadcasts said that the British were being pushed back steadily as the Japanese land forces, led by tanks and dive bombers, battled to gain full control of the important Malacca straits. Their position apparently was about 100 miles from Singapore itself.

Today's war dispatches showed: BATAVIA—Dutch lanes and land forces continued to put up stiff resistance against enemy warships and aerial attacks believed to be preparing for a new invasion attempt at Bali Papan, on the east coast of Borneo about 320 miles south of Japanese-held Tarakan Island. In China Chinese troops reported the capture of Lupas, north of important Canton, asserting that 600 enemy soldiers were killed and that the Canton, Hongkong railroad was cut in two places. In the Philippines there was no indication that the Japanese had made progress against American defenders of the Bataan province, but one Tokyo broadcast claimed the troops had landed on Grande Island, in Subic Bay near the U. S. naval base of Olongapo.

In North Africa, the axis forces under General Irwin Rommel made a surprise stand in the Mersa Brega area, 110 miles east of Benghazi and 30 miles south of El Aghella, where the main battle had been expected.

This meant that Rommel had put up unexpectedly strong resistance in the Mersa Brega sector, where the axis had considerable air strength. Axis bombardment of British forces in Libya had been increased sharply in the last few days.

METHODIST CHOIR

The Methodist choir will meet for rehearsal Thursday evening, the boys choir at 7:15 and the adult choir at 8 p. m.

THE WEATHER

Courtesy Weyrich & Hadraba

High, 42; Low, 25.
(Readings at 8 a. m.)

Fair and mild this afternoon and tonight, lowest temperature tonight 24 to 29 except 17 to 20 over extreme west portion.

European Front Sees Germans' Winter Lines

Hope to Make Stand Against Russians—Nazi May Seek Attack on the Island of Malta

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE

The question of whether the Germans will be able to hold the winter line they have set in Russia apparently is coming closer to a decision now that the Russians suddenly have increased the fury of their offensive, particularly in the south and the Ukraine.

German military authorities were quoted yesterday as placing the line approximately as follows:

From a point east of Taganrog (on the Sea of Azov) northeast of Kharkov, Krusk, Orel, Kaluga, Modzisk, Lake Ilmen and Schuesselburg (southeast of Leningrad).

However, the Russians were reported today to have landed in force west of Taganrog, threatening to encircle the Germans there. Moscow announced its troops were driving on Kharkov and had encircled Orel, midway between Kharkov and Moscow.

This presages a critical test of German ability to hold the line indicated. If they cannot, there may be weeks of hard fighting before they find a line farther west which they can hold. Only then will they be able to settle down to preparations for a spring offensive.

The Russian campaign dovetails with the far eastern theater of war, and present or future operations in the Mediterranean and the middle east. The drive in the Crimea and Ukraine is especially pertinent to the latter.

If the Germans halt the drive for regained ground in south Russia, the British would be prepared for Hitler to move against the oil fields of the near east, either through the Caucasus or Turkey.

The incessant bombardment of the fortress of Malta may presage an axis attempt to reduce that stronghold and clear the way for heavy reinforcements to Libya. Axis foothold in Libya would be about a direct threat to the near east through Egypt and Suez, concurrent with a drive from the north.

Britain's preparations to hold Libya, and the near east against the axis threat were marked today by the appointment of Lieutenant General Sir Claude Auchinleck, commander-in-chief of the middle east, British and Indian forces in Iran and Iraq. These two strategic stations had been under the commander-in-chief of India. Auchinleck's command now extends from Libya to the borders of India. It will be his responsibility to meet any Caucasian or Turkish attack.

From the defensive viewpoint, the British appear strong. They are prepared to meet an axis air offensive in the Mediterranean if Marshal Timoshenko's Crimean and Ukrainian drive succeeds—and its tempo is increasing rather than diminishing—the gateway to the Caucasus will be closed. A decisive axis defeat in Libya would pave the way for allied offensive, perhaps a smashing attack on Italy.

SUFFERS BROKEN LEG

Miss Clara Weyrich, member of the teaching faculty of the high school, is suffering from the effects of a fall sustained Tuesday while on her way to school. She slipped and fell near the Christian Science church on South 6th street and as a result sustained the fracture of a bone of the right leg. The fracture was set at once and the patient is now doing just as well as possible under the circumstances.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LARSON

Last rites will be conducted for Mrs. Christina Larson, widow of Lars G. Larson, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets. Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will officiate. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

Daylight Savings To Start Feb. 8

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP)—The house today completed congressional action on daylight saving time legislation to advance the nation's clocks one hour in the second week of February.

The house adopted a conference report on the bill by voice vote. Sen-

ATTEND LODGE MEETING

This afternoon Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the A. F. & A. M. is to be at Lyons, Nebraska, to install the officers of Pilot lodge No. 249.

This afternoon Mr. Cook will conduct the examinations for E. C. Stimbert, former superintendent of the Nebawka schools and make the installation of the officers later in the evening.

Randall Bigsby, local mortician, a member of the Lyons lodge is taking Mr. Cook, Carl Schneider, Warren Scharfenberg, and William F. Evers, up to attend the installation.

Dutch Planes Hunt Japanese Transport Ships

Part of Policy of Counter Attack Has Taken Dutch Planes and Troops to Many Fronts

By JOHN R. MORRIS

BATAVIA, Jan. 15 (UP)—Netherlands East Indies planes swept out over the South Seas today in a concerted hunt for Japanese warships and transports as part of the policy of counterattack which has taken Dutch planes and troops into action over or on Dutch, Philippines and British territory.

Japanese sea and air forces were reported to be organizing for a direct invasion attack on Bali Papan, on the east coast of Borneo, 320 miles south of Tarakan Island.

Japanese planes attacked the area on the Strait of Macassar across from Celebes with increasing fury in apparent preparation for an assault by sea-borne and air-transported troops.

The Netherlands East Indies forces, land, sea and air, were understood to have determined on a continued policy of counteroffensive action, extending from the Netherlands East Indies to the Philippines and Malaya. In co-operation with Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, new United Nations commander in chief.

It was disclosed officially today that a Netherlands Indies air force unit was now based at a Malayan airbase and that Gen. Sir Henry Pownall, British commander in chief in the far east, had visited the base.

He was shown around by Lieut. Col. W. E. Van Gulik, the Netherlands air force commander in Malaya, and it was said that he showed great interest in the American-built Glenn Martin bombers of the Netherlands unit and in the bomb sights used on them.

In this connection it was announced that the United States had agreed to send a number of Douglas C-3 air liners during the second half of this year for use on Netherlands commercial air lines—an indication of the confidence of the allied nations that Japan's successes in this part of the world were transitory.

As Gen. Wavell organized his new headquarters, the newspapers greeted him in a joint statement "as an old friend." The statement said the people regarded him not as an idol who possessed charms, but "as an ordinary man like ourselves, but at the same time an intelligent strategist and an inspiring leader."

It assured Gen. Wavell that the Indies had complete confidence in him and that Indies defense forces were eager for action.

It was said authoritatively that Indies munitions supply was not only abundant but had been distributed in scores of dumps, deep in the jungle and invisible from the air.

RETURNS TO DUTY

Frank A. Clويد, cashier of the Plattsmouth State bank, was back on the job today after three days confinement at his home as the result of an attack of gall bladder trouble. Mr. Clويد is feeling some better and under treatment that it is hoped will remedy his condition.

HERE FROM SOUTH BEND

J. L. Carnicle and son, Larry, of the South Bend community, were in this city today to attend to some matters of business at the court house. While here they enjoyed a short visit with friends and acquaintances.

Nelson Calls All Nation To All Out Effort To Produce

Old Ideas Must Drop as Nation Girds to Provide For a Winning War Against The Axis Powers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP)—

Donald M. Nelson promised today that so many old ideas were going to be junked in the next few weeks and so many new ones adopted to get America's production system into high gear that it would "make your hair curl."

Ordinarily, peacetime, even "sensible" methods are going to be tossed overboard for a system that probably will bring charges of insanity from the old leaders. The new boss of production and supply said in his speech, read for him last night at Vincennes, Indiana, "we need be bright enough, if you please, to try to do things that sensible men would not try to do under ordinary circumstances." Nelson said. These statements were made as Nelson redoubled his efforts to revamp a lagging army, navy and OPM procurement and production policies. Under the new war production board he will head, he has been given complete authority to recommend any steps he deems necessary to harness industry to the huge armament production task ahead of it.

There can be no more half-way measures, no more maybes, but and ifs in the war against Hitlerism, he said, because failure in this job, let me remind you again, is equivalent to national death.

Every worker must be utilized for war production or civilian necessities; every machine must be one part of the old pattern in the war effort.

Business Men's Ad Club Holds Annual Election

Clement Woster, President; R. W. Knorr, Vice-President—W. H. Puls, Secretary-Treasurer

The Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club at their meeting Wednesday at the luncheon at the Hotel Plattsmouth, held their annual election of officers. The present officers that have served so efficiently were all re-elected to their positions as follows:

President—Clement Woster.
Vice-President—R. W. Knorr.
Secretary-Treasurer—W. H. Puls.

This was the first meeting of the new year and plans were outlined for some of the activities of the coming year, a planning committee being arranged to secure suggestions as to new activities for the ensuing twelve months.

The club will also sponsor the King Korn Klub activities for 1942 and a committee will soon be appointed to take up the plans for making the coming event one of the best.

CHOPS FOOT

Tuesday afternoon Frank Lepert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lepert, was cutting wood in the timber and while doing so his foot slipped, throwing him off balance and as a result the ax struck his right foot. The young man, however, did not lose any toes as had been rumored. He was brought on to Plattsmouth and given medical care in the office of Dr. L. S. Pucelik. It required five stitches to close the wound and now Frank is forced to go around with crutches. The foot is in a cast.

Womans Club, Note

The Plattsmouth Woman's club will meet Monday evening, January 19 at 8 o'clock at Hotel Plattsmouth. Mrs. H. L. Gayer will be the leader of the program on "Things Are Not What They Seem." Mrs. R. C. Sheltenbarger will sing. Hostesses: Mesdames Fred Lugsch, William Gorder, P. Y. McPetridge, J. F. Wolf and Miss Amelia Martens.

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Nehawka Masons Install Officers Wednesday Night

Otto K. Ehlers Worshipful Master; Rev. W. A. Taylor Completes 30 Years as Chaplain.

Wednesday evening Nehawka lodge No. 246 A. F. & A. M. held their installation of officers with a very large attendance of the members at the ceremonies.

Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the grand lodge of Nebraska, was the installing officer and assisted by W. F. Evers, marshal and W. A. Robertson, past grand master as the chaplain for the ceremonies.

In addition to the installing party, J. R. Reeder and Roy O. Cole of the Plattsmouth lodge were in attendance. The officers of the lodge installed comprised:

W. M.—Otto K. Ehlers.
S. W.—W. A. Ost.
J. W.—Dr. R. R. Anderson.
Treasurer—Charles Adams.
Secretary—James M. Palmer.
S. D.—Leonard St. John.
J. D.—Sheldon Mitchell.
Chaplain—Rev. W. A. Taylor.
S. S.—Oren Polla d.
J. S.—Roy F. Becker.
Tyler—James Pollard.

One of the striking facts of the installation was that thirty years ago on the same date Rev. William A. Taylor, of Union, had been named as the chaplain of the lodge and has filled that position continuously since that time. Rev. Taylor is feeling very well now and received a fine greeting from his brethren on his notable anniversary.

The evening was closed with the serving of a delicious oyster supper that all thoroughly appreciated.

ENTERS AIR CORPS

Charles H. Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warner, of near this city, departed last evening for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he will enter the induction center of the United States army.

Mr. Warner has enlisted in the air corps of the United States army and after the preliminary entrance at the Kansas post will be assigned to training at one of the air training fields.

Mr. Warner is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1937 and since completing school has been assisting at the Warner farm near this city. With the nation at war the young man decided to do his part in the conflict and entered the air service where so many are now doing their service.

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MECHANICAL COURSE TO BE OFFERED HERE

The Plattsmouth board of education has received notice from the Department of Vocational Education that federal funds are available to employ a teacher and organize a course in mechanics for out of school youths, between the ages of 17 and 25. The board of education is anxious to assist all youths in the community who are not in school, if any of them are interested in taking this course.

This course is definitely for students who are not in high school at the present time, but only for those who have either quit school or graduated from high school.

The course will consist of automobile mechanics and other forms of mechanical training given under a competent instructor. Any youths who are interested in taking this course are asked to call the superintendent's office, 102, immediately for registration.

DISCUSS RACE AND RELIGION

The Rotary club at their luncheon this week at the Hotel Plattsmouth had the pleasure of hearing a most interesting discussion of the question, "Christian and Jew Better Relationship," presented in a panel discussion by three students of the Omaha university and H. Malcolm Baldrige, former Omaha congressman.

The three students here were Earl Wingo, Bruce Moore, Bob Turner, who in their answers showed the growth and spread of the racial hatred in Europe that has finally culminated in the present war and determined effort to stamp out some of the races entirely.

Dr. H. G. McClusky was the leader of the meeting.

AELE TO SIT UP

Frank R. Gobelman, local painter and wall paper dealer, who has been confined to his home for the past week, is now able to be up a part of the time. He was confined to his bed the greater part of the time but is now slowly recovering from the effects of the flu and cold.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The many friends will be interested to learn that Mrs. J. W. Crabill is showing marked improvement at the Methodist hospital at Omaha where she has been for the past two weeks. She is responding to the recent operation in fine shape that that is most gratifying.

LOCAL SCHOOLS CO-OPERATE WITH DEFENSE PROGRAM

Arrangements are being made to give all of the teachers instructions in first aid under a certified Red Cross instructor. All of the pupils in the Plattsmouth schools will be given first aid lessons a half hour each week.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roelfsz of Alvo are parents of a daughter born at Lincoln General hospital Wednesday. Mrs. Roelfsz was formerly Josephine Hargleroad.

One-fourth of the world's 200,000 known vegetable species are to be found in Brazil, according to the Department of Commerce.

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