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**MALAYA: The whole story is told**

## SCORCHED EARTH FOR SINGAPORE

LORD MOYNE, Colonial Secretary, telling the whole tragic story of our defeats in the Far East to the House of Lords yesterday, said no amount of static and local ground defence would have saved Kota Bharu or the other 10 or 15 Malayan airfields which had fallen into Japanese hands.

The whole line had gone back. Static defence would not secure an airfield as an island in the midst of conquered territories.

But heavy destruction of the airfields took place, and only a very small number were actually usable by the enemy.

There was evidence that the orders for maximum possible destruction were carried out, but it was inevitable that owing to the flat ground the airfields would again be used when the craters had been filled in.

**The mystery**

There was reason to believe that the plan for the destruction of the great docks and engineering shops was carried out before the evacuation of Kowloon, on the mainland opposite Hongkong.

We do not yet know how the Japanese were so unsuspectingly to effect a landing on the island of Hongkong, he said, "but once this had been achieved, and reinforcements in overwhelming strength crossed the narrow straits, it could only be a matter of time before the heights and water supply were in the enemy's hands."

Some had suggested that Hongkong should have been evacuated in advance, but it would have been of great military advantage if we could have retained it.

If the Chinese had been able to effect a landing it would have given them a new and far shorter line of sea-borne supply than they possessed in the Burma Road.

The stories of failure to destroy essential equipment of value to the enemy established at Penang were at present the subject of inquiry.

It was impossible to remove all of them in the short time because of heavy bombing attacks, which caused the disappearance of their Indian crews, and the absence of air defence.

Due to lack of resources and the loss of forward airfields and many planes.

Reports had been received that the oilfields, refineries, and pipe lines in British Borneo had been destroyed according to instructions worked out previously by the experts from the Petroleum Department.

There could be no foundation for the reports that the Japanese were obtaining any oil. This must be impossible until they had sunk new wells and erected new refineries and pipe lines.

"The application of the scorched earth policy will be ruthlessly carried out," said Lord Moyne.

**Ruthless policy**

"The War Council at Singapore has given instructions that all stocks of rubber, copper, refined metals, oil, and other commodities of value to the enemy, and also mining plant and transport, are to be denied to the enemy by ruthless destruction."

Lord Addison, leader of the Socialist Peers, said that what had happened in the Far East spoke of indecision and feeble direction.

It was only a few weeks since Sir R. Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief in Malaya, had stated that any idea that Hongkong could be captured in a few days, or even a few weeks, was entirely erroneous.

He had said: "We are fully prepared, come what may. We have had plenty of warning, and our preparations are made and tested."

Lord Addison added: "I am very glad that a nincompoop of that kind was promptly removed from command."

**Second raid on Siam's capital**

7 Jap planes destroyed

The second raid on Bangkok, Siam's capital, in less than 24 hours was announced late last night.

After a heavy and concentrated attack on the dock area big fires were left blazing.

Seven Japanese planes were destroyed on the ground, and an eighth probably destroyed.

Five American planes, flying 300 miles over jungle and mountain from bases in Burma, made the attack. One plane is missing.

Full story—Back Page.

**Roosevelt cancels Press conference**

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—President Roosevelt's usual Friday morning Press conference has been cancelled. No explanation is given.—Reuter.

**Admiral Tovey**

Admiral Sir Jack Tovey is not to take command of British and American forces in the Atlantic.—The Admiralty last night denying published statements.

**ADVANCE 1.** Russians take important points on Leningrad front. Signs are that major offensive is starting. Germans heavily bombed.

**ADVANCE 2.** Sebastopol garrison sallies out after two months. Germans take away two divisions for Crimea battle of beaches.

**ADVANCE 3.** Invading Japs press nearer Kuala Lumpur from west and north. British fall back over River Slim, 50 miles from city.

**ADVANCE 4.** Ritchie's speedy tanks swarm west from Jedabya, trying to overtake Rommel. Germans retreat along coast road.

# SIEGE CITIES BREAK OUT

## Japs near Kuala Lumpur

**Swift advance: British fight big river battle**

Express Special Correspondent

SINGAPORE, Thursday.

JAPAN'S shock columns of tanks and tommy-gun infantry are tonight pressing nearer turreted, white-bungalow Kuala Lumpur, second city of Malaya.

They are attacking from the north and from the coastal line they have formed to the west.

In the north a violent battle is going on along the River Slim, which runs into the River Bernam, boundary of the Perak and Selangor States.

Kuala Lumpur, capital of Selangor, is 50 miles below this line. We were forced to retire over the river by the mass onslaught of the Japanese armoured units moving down the main road from Ipoh under squadrons of airplanes.

The Ipoh-Kuala Lumpur road runs over the Slim. Our forces, which General Pownall's communiqué admits "suffered some losses in guns and transport," blew up the bridge as the last man scrambled over.

**CLAWS REACH OUT**

But the Japanese are believed to have forced their way to the southern bank. Whether they have reached the River Bernam, which forms a rough triangle with the Slim, is not known.

Further west, however, the Japanese troops are swarming over the Bernam. With large numerical superiority, they managed once again to thrust a formidable arm down the coast to Kuala Selangor, port 35 miles north-west of Kuala Lumpur—and possibly beyond the port.

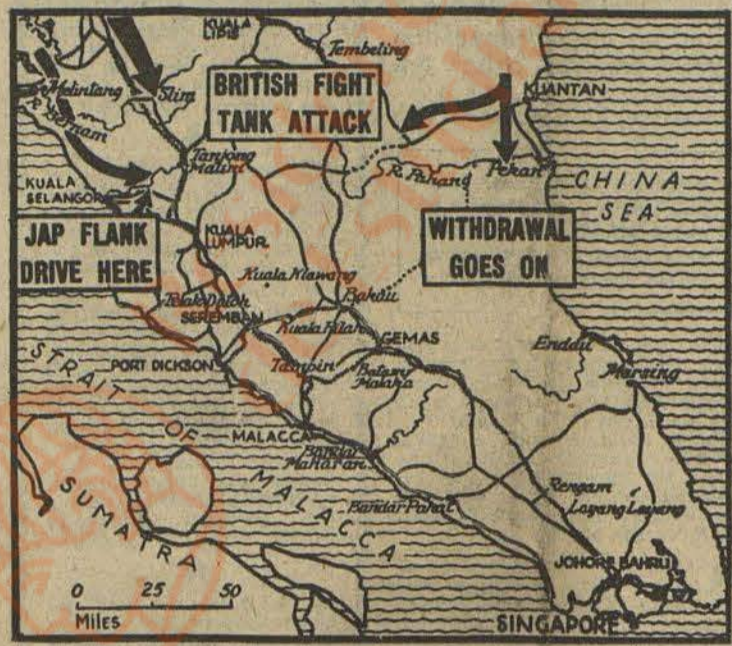
Its fingers are now spreading eastwards towards Kuala Lumpur.

Through the coastal swamps the Japanese are trying to reach the hills west of the city, which are dotted with the bungalows of the European inhabitants.

The Malay Regiment, formed in 1933, has gone into action to help the British and Indian forces. It was organised on British lines.

Beautiful Kuala Lumpur is now half empty. Women and children are leaving on official advice. Evacuation

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## VON R. BULLIES HUNGARY

Army of 250,000 men demanded

Express Military Reporter

HITLER, Germany's Gestapo chief, has set up an S.S. headquarters on the Eastern Front, and Ribbentrop, Hitler's Foreign Minister, has arrived in Hungary to confer with Regent Horthy.

These officially announced items of news from Germany last night give striking confirmation to statements I made yesterday that Hitler is trying to build an army within an army, and is asking Hungary for 250,000 men.

According to the German statement Hitler will head the S.S. divisions fighting against Russia. Reports reaching me from private sources state that he has achieved his ambition to have a separate S.S. air force.

Under his control will ultimately be not fewer than ten S.S. divisions and 2,000 aircraft. If it proves correct that there is to be a "personal" Hitler air force

it looks as though a smart rebuff has been handed to Marshal Goering head of the Luftwaffe. The creation of a large S.S. force must have a political motive—to guard against possible trouble with the German Army command.

But Goering's personal loyalty to Hitler is well known, and he may be very much on the Fuehrer's side in this move.

Ribbentrop's visit to Budapest, it is suggested by Die Zeitung, the German newspaper published in London, is to hand over the military policing of the Balkans to Hungarian troops.

Hitler has received a report from General Geisler, supreme commander of German troops in Italy (state newspaper), in which the general declares the military situation of Italy to be greatly improved.

## BUT IN LIBYA THE LINE OF PRISONERS STILL ROLLS IN...



OUT OF THE DESERT on the coastal road into Tobruk—a long line of Axis troops clumps in for embarkation to prison camps.—Picture received yesterday.

## ROMMEL RUNS FOR LIFE

British try to catch up

Express Military Reporter MORLEY RICHARDS

GENERAL ROMMEL is on the run again. Dislodged from their defensive positions at Jedabya, south of Benghazi, and hotly pursued by the Eighth Army, the Axis forces are racing back towards Tripoli screened by a blinding sandstorm.

Rommel's escape road from Jedabya to Tripoli runs over 450 miles of metalled surface, with two main stops—El Aghella and Sirte. In both places the enemy has supply dumps.

Can the British forces catch the German commander before he reaches Tripoli? Odds are on our side. But initial advantage is with Rommel. There is a third-class

road that leads up from Jedabya to the main coastal road that Graziani so laboriously built.

What our columns are trying to do is to describe a wide arc around the Axis force to bar its progress. Some of our mobile units will have covered more than twice the Germans' distance over untracked desert.

They have a good chance to win the race. For this reason—our American "Honey" tanks and our own cruisers are very much faster than anything the enemy possesses.

A staff officer newly home from Libya told me yesterday the "Honey" tanks are mechanically almost perfect—they hardly ever break down.

**FEW TANKS LEFT**

He reaffirmed, too, that Rommel has very few tanks left. Against that we had been able to take tank brigades out of the line and rest them for two or three weeks.

That sums up the position Rommel desperate to avoid utter defeat is dashing for Tripoli with everything he has available.

The Eighth Army has ample resources, and the enemy has given it time enough to get its long supply lines in working order.

There has been criticism for some while that responsibility for supply problems is divided among a multitude of organisations whose duties frequently overlap.—B.U.P.

## 4 JAP SHIPS SUNK

By U.S. submarine

Express Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

A SUBMARINE of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet under Admiral Hart has sunk a Japanese transport and three cargo ships, the Navy Department announced tonight.

Additional reports from Wake Island brought the total of Japanese warships lost there to seven—a cruiser, four destroyers, one submarine, and one gunboat.

When Wake Island was overwhelmed at the end of December it was announced that five warships were destroyed. The additional ships sunk were a destroyer and a gunboat.

The U.S. Asiatic Fleet was formerly based on Manila. Where the latest operations took place is not revealed.

## Sebastopol and Leningrad

Express Staff Reporter STEPHEN CHARING

STOCKHOLM, Thursday night.

TWO of Russia's greatest cities and naval bastions—Leningrad in the north and Sebastopol 1,200 miles to the south—have today launched gigantic operations to throw off the German strangleholds.

Both have broken the invaders' grip and may soon be free. Sebastopol, after a two-month siege, is striking fiercely on a long mountain sector at the Germans, who are retreating steadily behind a stubborn rearguard.

Five German divisions have been battering in vain at

## Secret of new Red armies

Express Staff Reporter

M. EDEN, Foreign Secretary, revealed in the House of Commons last night that throughout the summer and autumn the Russians were building up new armies behind the lines.

"It is those new armies which are now coming into action," he said. "The divisions now fighting and driving the Germans back from Moscow are fresh troops."

"That does not mean the Soviet leaders pretend there can be any change in the Russian position for the future, or that the German Army is not strong. But the German Army today is not the army of June 22 last, and that is important to all of us."

The new regiment will be formed partly by transfers from the Army and R.A.F. and partly from new recruits. It will number many thousands.

The debate is reported on Page Three.

## PARIS P.C. SHOT

Express Staff Reporter

A Paris policeman, Louis Lecureuil, was shot last night while guarding a garage occupied by German troops, says Vichy.

The gunman escaped. Petain and Darlan sent deputies to visit the gardener as he lay dying, and M. Pucheu, Minister of the Interior, invested him posthumously with the Legion of Honour.

Pucheu, Vichy's Hitler, was the object of the attack in which his chief political secretary, Paringaux, was killed on Monday.

The debate is reported on Page Three.

## Suez battle No. 2

Express Staff Reporter

BRITAIN and her Allies must prepare soon to fight a financial battle of the Suez Canal with the Germans. British guns hold the canal in Egypt. But Dr Funk and his financial bandits hold control over the canal company's head office in Rue d'Astorg, Paris, and all its records. Of the shares, fewer than 50 per cent. are British.

Since France fell the Nazis have been trying to track down and secure Suez Canal shares in the ruins of France's great industrial undertakings.

The shares are mostly in bearer form. The title in them passes merely by change of ownership like a pound note. There is nothing to prevent the Hermann Goering Corporation from unloading millions of francs of stolen Canal shares in neutral countries.

**DELICATE**

French delicacies of the company, prisoners in Occupied France, are powerless. They would presumably welcome complete Allied control of the company.

This control could be achieved by the formation in London or New York of a holding company which could then control the Suez Canal Company. All rights of administration and assets of the Suez Canal would then be transferred to the holding company.

Mr T. Harrison Hughes, ship owner and vice-president of the company, recently resigned from his post at the Ministry of War Transport.

He attends two or three times a week at the London office of the canal company in Bishopsgate. Yesterday he would not discuss suggestions that he was reorganising the canal company.

In the City the Suez situation is described as one of the most delicate in the war. It is pointed out that the high Egyptian Government severed diplomatic relations with Vichy she has yet to declare war on any nation.

**"America needs a Beaverbrook"**

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—An American Beaverbrook is needed to take complete charge of supply problems, according to Henry A. Wallace United States Vice-President, who is supporting the campaign to co-ordinate defence supplies.

Mr Wallace has already discussed the creation of an organisation similar to Lord Beaverbrook's. There has been criticism for some while that responsibility for supply problems is divided among a multitude of organisations whose duties frequently overlap.—B.U.P.

## TO DIRECT AIRFIELDS DEFENCE REGIMENT

Express Staff Reporter

AN R.A.F. Regiment, it was announced in the Commons yesterday, is to be formed as a special corps for the defence of airfields in Britain. And Major-General C. F. Luard has been appointed Director-General of Ground Defence at the Air Ministry.

General Luard is 60, a gunnery expert.

The new regiment will be formed partly by transfers from the Army and R.A.F. and partly from new recruits. It will number many thousands.

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## World war news

DUTCH SUBMARINE SAVES R.A.F. CREW

SINGAPORE, Thursday.—A Dutch submarine has saved the crew of an R.A.F. plane after they had been in the sea for eight hours, says a Batavia announcement.—Reuter.

Sebastopol. Now two of them have had to be rushed north in the hope of stemming the dangerous Russian landing on the Crimean west coast.

In savage hand to hand fighting the Russians, who landed under the guns of the Black Sea Fleet at Eupatoria, 55 miles north of Sebastopol, are gradually consolidating their positions along miles of beaches.

As the Red Army columns are pressing on inexorably from the Kerch Peninsula a Russian advance from Eupatoria would catch at least eight German divisions in a great pincer grip.

That is why the landing at Eupatoria is one of the most bitterly contested actions of the whole Russian war.

That is why Supreme Commander Hitler has had to give up his dream of capturing Sebastopol and has decided to throw all his strength into his remaining landings while his main force withdraws.

It would be fatal to the German.

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## VIVISECTION

ALAN MOOREHEAD, after a month of battle, is now back in Cairo and is writing for the Daily Express a full review of the finding, the fighting, and the beating of the German Army.

First instalment of THE GERMAN ARMY VIVISECTED appears in the Daily Express on Monday.

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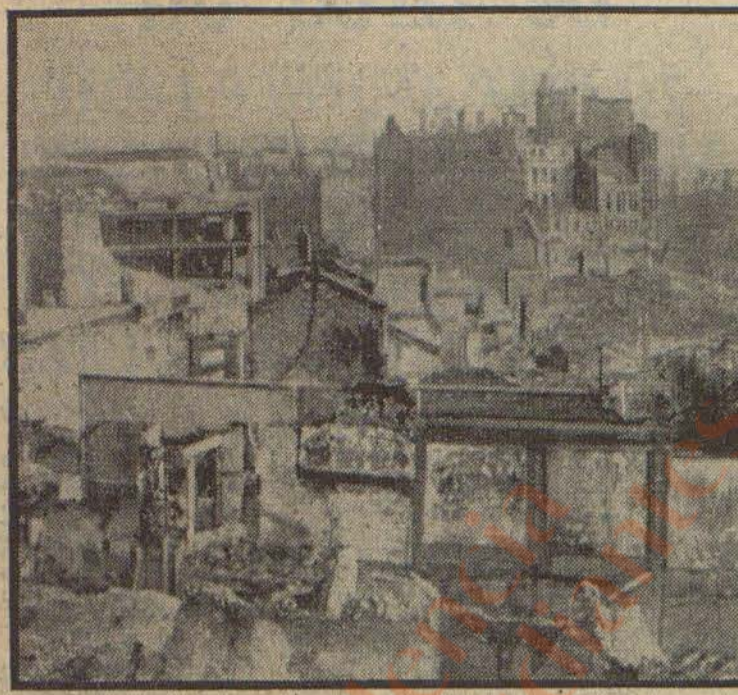
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## THE GREAT CLEAN-UP: 5

## MAIN SHOPPING STREET IN 'THE WORST BLITZED TOWN IN ENGLAND'



## Hungry Finland split on peace move

Express Diplomatic Correspondent

**CONTRARY** reports about peace moves between Finland and Russia reached London last night.

Washington diplomats were quoted as saying that peace overtures had already been made by Sweden on behalf of Finland.

The first Finnish stipulation, said the Washington dispatch, was that the country should be guaranteed supplies of food if she laid down her arms.

Stephen Charing, Express staff reporter in Stockholm, cabled—Finland's war-weary, starving people, sick at heart over their great blunder in putting their faith in Hitler, want peace.

Even their popular newspapers, heavily censored though they are, are crying for peace.

But despite the rumours which have spread from Helsinki to Stockholm during the past week there are still no signs of a positive peace move being made.

### Government divided

The Finnish Government, an all-party combination with the Germans still on their backs, are divided among themselves and have so far refused to make such a move.

There are signs, however, that Finland is rapidly approaching a crisis, and the Government may be forced to act.

The peace rumours were heightened in Stockholm by a succession of visits by prominent Finns to the Swedish capital during the past few weeks.

First came M. Tanner, Minister of Industry, then the Premier, Mr. Rangell himself, for a few days stay. Then Tanner again on another hasty visit, followed by a visit from M. Henrik Ramsay, Minister for Supply.

More recently the Socialist

Finance Minister, M. Pekkala, and M. Paasikivi, former Finnish Minister to Moscow, who negotiated the peace with Russia in 1940, came to Stockholm together.

Both men are known to be friendly to Moscow. Paasikivi has now returned to Helsinki.

It is probable that all these Finnish leaders came to Stockholm chiefly to discuss food and other immediate problems of daily life with the friendly Swedish Government.

There is no doubt that the question of food for the starving people is uppermost in the minds of the Finnish statesmen.

It is believed in Stockholm that if the Allies could guarantee food supplies to Finland this would bring a peace move very much nearer.

### 'Nicht siegen'— 'Cor blimey'

Express Radio Station

"Hitler cannot win"—"Hitler kann nicht siegen"—"Hitler non pio vincere"—"Hitler non puede ganar."

This was the slogan rammed home to Europe last night from American short-wave radio stations by order of Mr. Roosevelt.

And German-run Luxembourg station replied in English: "Roosevelt's arms programme is fantastic. One really feels like saying 'Cor blimey'!"

## 30,000 JAPS TRAPPED

From PETER BURCHETT  
CHUNGKING, Thursday.

**THIRTY** thousand more Japanese troops are trapped in a net north-east of Changsa, said the Chinese Army spokesman tonight.

Japan has already lost 30,000 men in the disastrous retreat from the city.

Three thousand Japanese troops routed by the advancing Chinese were drowned in the Liuyang and Laoao rivers yesterday.

Chinese troops operating from mountain bases have repulsed Japanese attacks from Ningpo, and inflicted 3,500 casualties, said the Chinese Headquarters communiqué.

## Forty more Hongkong names

Express Special Correspondent

**CHUNGKING, Thursday.** In addition to the 14 previously named in the Daily Express, these two officers and 38 ratings are among those who escaped from Hongkong.

Lieutenant Douglas Stuart Pethie, of Plymouth (52-year-old R.N.R. officer who was in charge of Hongkong Customs); Charles Skinner, merchant marine, of Sunderland.

Edmund Brazel, Waverhampton; John W. Prest, West Hartlepool; John C. Pawley, Ivybridge, Devon; Albert E. Rutter, Stowbridge (78-year-old); Worcester-shire; George Arnold, Petersham, Surrey; Stephen J. Hyde, Lewes, Sussex; Charles Evans, W. Poston, Dorset; William Schilling, Dunfermline; Francis E. Penny, Christchurch, Hants; Leslie Gurd Portsmouth; Robert Sempenstall, Highgate, N.; Ronald J. C. Priestley, Portsmouth; Charles Foster; Harold P. Hill, Mitcham, Surrey; Gilbert Thoms, Cam's Head, Plymouth; William C. Dyer, Ryde, I.O.W.

Edmond J. Charleson, Keyham, Plymouth; Leonard Downey, Devonport; Samuel Carr, Anfield, Liverpool; Christopher Belgrave, Leicester; Fred Quixell, Sheffield; Raymond Brodgen, Middlesbrough; Lewis Whitley, Weymouth; Alfred Burroughs, Leicester; Leslie Barker, Hucknall, Nottingham; Alexander Kelly, Edinburgh; Jack Thorpe, Suffolk; Kenneth Holmes, Harrogate; Robert S. Sutcliffe, Exham, Surrey; Arthur McQueen, New Romney, Kent; Albert C. Moore, Portsmouth; Charles Deakin, Huddley, Lancashire; John Holt, Burnley, Lancashire; Charles Moore, Hornsey Rise, S.E.; Stephen Cavaghan, Mold, Flint; Leonard Rann, Whippingham, I.O.W.

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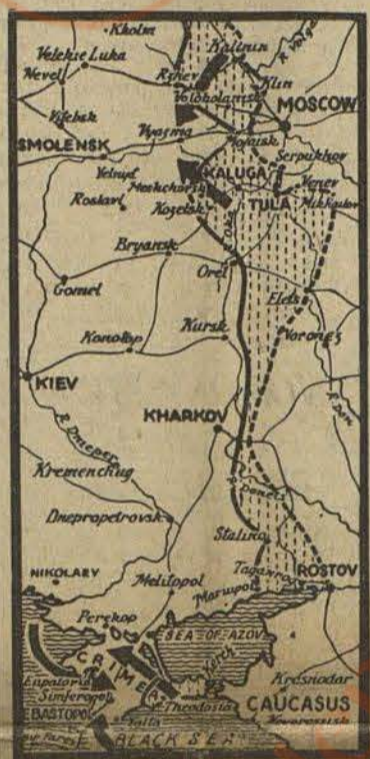
**FRONT** line city of the west—Plymouth—described by Lady Astor, M.P.—its Lady Mayoress—as "the worst blitzed town in England."

You are looking at George-street—main shopping thoroughfare of Plymouth in the days before Devon knew the Luftwaffe. Tall buildings lined it from end to end. Not one was left intact. . . . But great work has already been done to clear the mountains of rubble, and

dangerous walls have been demolished. The Guildhall, the Royal Salter's Rest, the Athenaeum, the Plymouth Library were among the buildings damaged in savage raids. Hospitals, churches, cinemas, and a theatre were set ablaze. The fourteenth century parish church of St Andrew, once attended by Drake, was destroyed.

\*This is the fifth picture in the Express series showing how blitzed British cities are being cleaned up.

## Siege cities break through



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## LINDBERGH GOES TO WASHINGTON

Express Staff Reporter

**NEW YORK, Thursday.** CHARLES LINDBERGH, arch-isolationist and recluse since Pearl Harbour, upset all his theories about America's safety today and went to Washington to let bygones be bygones.

But he would not talk. "I am sorry," he told reporters, "I cannot discuss why I am here."

But the reporters thought he had come in connection with his offer to take back his colony in the Army Air Corps.

There were indications that the War Department were ready to forget and forgive. Not so all Lindbergh's old antagonists in the Press.

Drew Pearson and Robert Allen, outspoken Washington columnists, claim Lindbergh is still in contact with his pre-war associates, and at a secret meeting of the America First Committee 10 days after the Pearl Harbour attack made it clear that Pacific events had not changed his mind.

## Iraq condemns Rashid Ali

But he is in Germany

Rashid Ali, Iraqi rebel leader, with two members of his Government and several officers of high rank, has been condemned to death by hanging by the British court in Baghdad, says Ankara radio.

He is believed to be still in Germany.—Reuter.

## Explosion in arms factory: 2 dead

Two workers were killed and three injured by an explosion in a west of England Royal Ordnance factory yesterday.

Production will not be affected, the Ministry of Supply announces.

## 6 nights, 5 raids

For the third night in succession, the Luftwaffe made six raids on the R.A.F. bombed Brest on Wednesday.

## RUGBY LINES UP FOR "AID TO RUSSIA" FUND

By HENRY ROSE

**IT'S** Rugby Union's turn now. They are appealing to all players and members of their clubs to support Mrs Churchill's "Aid to Russia" Fund on January 17 and 24, which are set apart as "Footballers' Days."

Union recommends that secretaries of clubs who have fixed matches for these days invite their members to make collections or arrange with the Red Cross and St John Ambulance to do so.

Another Rugby Union item of news is that the R.A.F. retain the "unknown" Corporal L. Price-Stevens for their next match at Twickenham on January 17. He did well making his debut against the Midlands last Saturday.

\*SOCCER—Chances of playing in representative games for the Army or R.A.F. may be given to noted amateurs now in the Services. Clubs and county associations are being asked by the F.A. to help in tracing their whereabouts.

Derry County, who are not playing in the League, will meet a Czech-Slovak Army XI at Derby (12.45) tomorrow. Lincoln City meet an R.A.F. XI at Skegness on January 17 for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

\*HAWK CHARGES—Griffins plays for the first time this season for Manchester United against Oldham at Maine-road tomorrow. Roughton will be his partner Warner at right half and Wrigglesworth at outside left.

Tommy Butler, Middlesbrough, their former forward will play for Oldham who will have also G. Hurst, a 17-year-old local amateur. Three R.A.F. players—Boulton (Brentford), Johnson (Grimsby) and Jackson, a Scot—will be in Bolton's forward line against Chester.

## Cheerful Star runs over hurdles

Sir Henry Lawson's cheerful star will take her debut over hurdles at Worcester tomorrow. T. F. Rimell will ride.

Cheerful Star was second in Cantatrice II in the 1939 Cesarewitch.

## One-round thrill

Corporal Ginger Sudd beat Ernie Gascoigne (Sheffield) on points in a 10-round fight in Sheffield last night.

The thrills came in the last round, when Gascoigne attacked relentlessly in an attempt to break down Sudd's solid defence.

# U.S. bombers blitz Siam airport

GET 7 JAP PLANES

RANGOON, Thursday.

**FLYING** 300 miles over jungle and mountain from bases in Burma, five aircraft of the American volunteer group operating with the R.A.F. group attacked airfields near Bangkok today.

A communiqué from combined Army and R.A.F. headquarters in Rangoon says that seven Japanese planes were destroyed for certain on the ground, and an eighth was probably destroyed.

One of the raiding planes is missing.

The seven Japanese planes destroyed today are believed to have been bombers. This brings the total of Japanese aircraft destroyed for certain from Burma to 53.

In addition there have been between 20 and 30 "probables." Principal airfield in the Bangkok area is at Don Muang, approximately 16 miles outside the city.

### FIRST-CLASS

Formerly a combined civil and military airport, it was classed among the finest outside Europe. It was the first in Asia to be equipped with multi-directional concrete runways capable of taking all classes of aircraft, and is equipped with night-landing illuminations. It can be used in all seasons.

Enemy raiders approached Rangoon at 3.30 a.m. today. There was no damage or casualties. Night fighters were in action, but no interceptions were made.—Reuter.

This is the second raid on military objectives in Bangkok in less than 24 hours. The Express Military Reporter writes:—

The raids may point to two new factors:—

1. General Wavell has devised a new offensive policy against the Japanese.  
2. Allied plans for the invasion of Siam are nearing the time when they can be put into action.

News of the fighting in Selangor last night gave little enough hope of a British counter-offensive in that sector. Admission of withdrawal south of the River Slim—with it seems, considerable losses—clearly indicates that Kuala Lumpur is in danger.

### ANOTHER MENACED

It may be impossible to hold much longer. When it goes the Japanese will have won another military airfield within fighter range of Singapore.

There is another at Port Swettenham, which is also directly menaced. A real counter-offensive was not expected from our Malayan army. It must come from the direction of Burma.

If enough air reinforcements have reached our forces in that country a steady bombardment of the rearward Japanese supply bases in Siam would seem to be the logical way to use them.

Our military forces, with Chinese air-Chinese troops are continuing to reach Burma—have reached the required strength.

Then the R.A.F. and the Army may go into action together through Siam to the relief of Malaya.



## Dutch sub. sinks German sub. In Mediterranean

A Dutch submarine operating with the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean has torpedoed and sunk a German submarine, the Netherlands Admiralty announced last night.

Twelve officers and men of the U-boat were picked up and landed by the Netherlands submarine at a British port.

For a submarine to sink a submarine is rare. In the last war 17 submarines were destroyed by submarines.

## Flashback

**JANUARY 9, 1917**

**THE** Russians gained more ground from the Germans south of Riga. On the Western Front heavy artillery action was reported with a successful raid by British troops on German trenches opposite Hulluch.

**1941** Mussolini sacked 14 regional Fascist leaders on charges of disloyalty. British troops and armoured cars were besieging Tobruk.

The Jhelum district told of a hand-to-hand encounter with an officer he described as a "flaxen-haired giant who carried a long sword, and was dressed in khaki, with knee-high rubber boots."

The officer had killed one Indian when the sergeant-major tackled him among the rubber trees, and killed him in a terrific struggle.

### EUROPEANS

Another Indian—another—said an Indian platoon was holding a strategic bridge in an earlier part of the campaign when a small car drove up on the other side.

Two Indian formed Europeans stepped out and shouted in Hindustani: "Let us across. We are your officers."

The Indians had been forewarned about the enemy's subterfuges, so all the bogus officers got was a hail of bullets.

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The communiqué said "Fighting of varying intensity is reported from all sections of the front. These operations are probably preparatory to a large-scale general attack by the enemy."

"Japanese reinforcements are being brought up to the front. General MacArthur reports that the morale and determination of the American and Philippine troops is high and that they may be counted on to continue their resistance with skill and courage."

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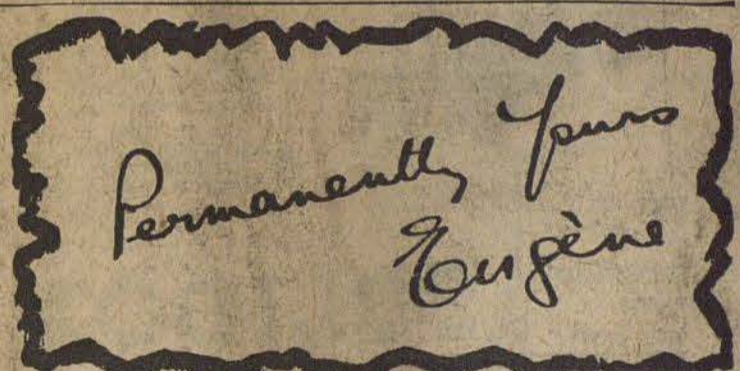
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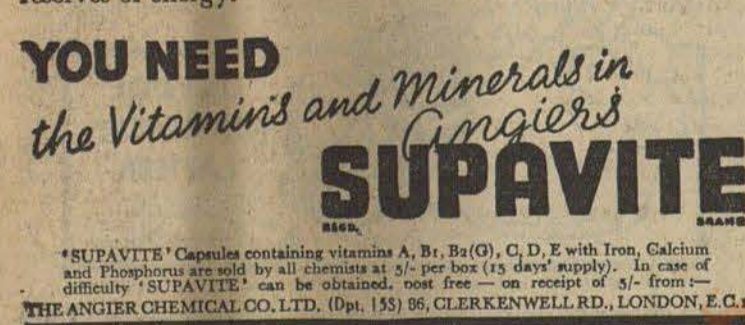
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