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about calamity is our reaction to it.

# Australian-Mandated Island Invaded

## Last Story From Java Tells Of Lack Of Men And Planes For Defence

Dutch Writer Gives Review Of Situation Which Was Becoming Hopeless; Japs Have Five To One On The Ground And Complete Control Of The Air.

The following is the final message received by the New York office of Aneta, Netherlands Indies news agency, from its Bandung correspondent. A review of the last phases of the campaign in western Java, Aneta said it obviously was written in anticipation of the grave events which followed.

## Less Gasoline For Motorists Seems Likely

OTTAWA, March 8 (CP)—Amount of gasoline to be allowed for each coupon under the rationing system which becomes effective April 1 will be set at a conference to be held probably this week and is expected to be less than the five gallons originally announced. It was learned from official sources Saturday.

Heavy loss of Canadian and United States tankers has necessitated a reconsideration of the entire gasoline situation, one spokesman said. While the pipeline from Portland, Me., to Montreal has helped combat the tanker shortage it is necessary to transport oil by tanker to Portland before it can be taken on the pipeline.

Reduction in tanker fleets will result in more extended use of tank cars, officials say, but the number of tank cars is limited and steel is not available for manufacture of new cars.

## Holds Breath 20 Minutes, Says "It's Terrible"

MIDDLETON, Conn., March 8 (AP)—A Wesleyan University athlete held his breath for 20 minutes, five seconds and lived to tell the world that "it's terrible."

Eugene J. Frechette, of New Haven, who one day hopes to be a physician, did it in the interest of science, but the performance won him Wesleyan's scientific champion today—the world's breath-holding championship and a steak dinner.

## Free French Forces Wreck Italian Positions

RAIDERS CAPTURE THREE FORTIFIED DESERT POSTS AFTER 1,200-MILE JOURNEY.

CAIRO, March 8 (AP)—Free French forces wrought havoc on three fortified Italian positions in the Great Fozzan desert, east of the Red Sea, after a 1,200-mile journey from the Lake Chad region, it was confirmed here today.

The raiders captured the Italian posts, less than 500 miles south of the chief axis supply base of Tripoli, before turning back with Italian tanks and a quantity of captured weapons. Other supplies were destroyed. The French were disembarked repeatedly on their return trip.

## British Bombers Strike At Plant West Of Paris

LONDON, March 8 (CP)—British bombers struck at a factory eight miles west of Paris this afternoon when Parisians presumably were observing Sunday or possibly heeding the advice broadcast last Friday to the occupied continent by "Colonel Britton," leader of the "V for Victory Campaign" who said:

"Keep away from any work that is helping the Germans. The Royal Air Force is coming again more and more often."

The new attack, carried out by a small force of R. A. F. bombers, was concentrated on the Paris suburb of Poincy, bombing a plant devoted to manufacture for the enemy.

It was the second bombing of the Paris industrial region within six days. Last Tuesday a heavy bombing wiped out the Renault, Salmson and Pacman factories along the Seine.

Other bombers strongly escorted by fighters attacked railway yards in northern France, the air ministry said.

## Island Soldiers Invalided Home Reach Canada

(Canadian Press)

Numbering in the hundreds, another varied group of wartime travellers are in Canada after the westward crossing from Britain. Practically all connected with the fighting services, they were mostly Royal Air Force personnel who will take their training on this side of the Atlantic.

## N. B. To Limit Speed To 40 Miles Per Hour

FREDERICTON, March 8 (CP)—Hon. W. S. Anderson, Minister of Public Works, said Saturday that during the present session of the New Brunswick Legislature he will introduce an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act setting a maximum speed limit of 40 miles per hour for all motor vehicles operating within the province.

## War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

MARCH 9, 1917—British troops forced a passage over the Diale River and reached point near Baghdad, Mesopotamia. Food riots broke out in Petrograd. Germans broke out in Petrograd. Germans made unsuccessful attempts to recapture positions lost in Champagne sector on Western Front.

## War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

The fourth month of war in the Pacific opens with the United Nations still in retreat before the ever-extending Japanese attack everywhere except for the American-Filipino stand on Batan peninsula.

Java, the last bastion in the Netherlands Indies, seems destined to go the way of Hong Kong, of Manila, of Singapore, of hopelessly imperilled Rangoon. For four months the enemy has managed to obtain sea and air mastery in all the waters essential to his march of conquest and there is only faint hope of an early turn in the war tide in allied favor.

Within that period Japanese losses in planes and shipping as well as men have undoubtedly been heavy but not sufficient to halt or greatly slow the Japanese advance.

The bitter pill was the premature loss of Singapore. If Winston Churchill fails as Britain's war captain, it will be because of that. Singapore itself ceased to be of great potential value as an operating base for allied sea fleets early in the campaign. With the sinking by Japanese torpedo planes of the battleship Prince of Wales and the battleship Repulse, the great British outpost in the China Sea lost its offensive value. It retained, however, tremendous defensive importance to bolster the whole United Nations front from Australia to Burma up to the hour the foe crossed the Johore Strait months before allied strategists had thought that grim departure reasonably possible.

## Island Subscribes \$1,815,150 To Loan

Total May Be Increased, As Final Returns Are Counted; Charlottetown Wins Second Honor Pennant.

Princess Edward Islanders subscribed an grand total of \$1,815,150 to Canada's second Victory Loan according to figures received at Provincial Headquarters up until late Saturday night. However, although the campaign is officially ended there are still some returns yet to be received from outlying districts and the present total will be increased.

Charlottetown citizens put on an extra effort on the closing day, and succeeded in winning a second honor pennant by over-subscribing the loan by 25 per cent. The final total for the city showed that the magnificent sum of \$751,650 had been invested in patriotic investments. This is \$231,650 more than the objective set.

Summerside with \$227,750 came close to winning its second honor pennant also. The Western Cape over-subscribed its quota by \$38,750. The Queen's County, outside Charlottetown, had a grand total of \$387,050 subscribed Saturday when the final returns are made known. The grand total for this section was \$238,400.

King's County was the "dark horse" in the drive. After making only a fair start, the citizens of this county piled up a surprising total during the last week and by Saturday night had exceeded their objective by \$39,300. The grand total subscribed by King's was \$214,900. The province had a larger amount of cash subscriptions in this second campaign although the total was not as high as in the first.

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Concentrate to Block Expected Nazi Drive

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has received persistent reports, the United States War Department said today, that the Japanese army commander in the Philippines has committed suicide because of the invaders' failure to overcome the American-Filipino defenders.

## Communications With Java Cut

Dutch Leaders Deny Axis inspired Reports That Forces have surrendered.

LONDON, March 8 (CP)—Hard-pressed and beleaguered, the defenders of Java today were cut off from the world for the second day while axis agencies broadcast a bewildering assortment of elusive claims of surrender which the Netherlands government here emphatically denied.

The statement of the Netherlands government said, however, that it was without direct word from its forces in the Netherlands East Indies.

"The Royal Netherlands government emphatically denies stories emanating from enemy sources to the effect that Japan has been asked for armistice terms," said the statement issued here through the Netherlands government information bureau.

"As the Japanese have at present full control of all channels of communication with the Netherlands East Indies, it is to be expected that similar stories will be put out by various enemy quarters for the purpose of creating confusion. No credence should be attached to any of them."

The British war office, too, was without word from British troops fighting in Java since 12:35 P. M. (8:55 a. m. A.D.T.) Saturday, when the radio at Bandung signed off with a farewell message: "Goodbye till better times. Long live the Queen."

Anxious Hollanders, however, relied upon some of the hidden low-power radio stations long prepared in the mountain defences of the island for just such a contingency as the present, eventually being heard in Australia.

## Japs Astride Burma Road

RANGOON, Burma, March 8 (AP)—Reinforced Japanese finally have driven across the dry rice fields of Lower Burma and placed themselves astride the rail section of the Burma Road, abandoned many days ago as a supply line to China, British authorities said today.

Despite the activities of British tank units, which made their first appearance in the Burma fighting a few days ago, the Japanese reached Payagyi, 10 miles north of Pegu, and established a road block at Pyinbon, 18 miles north of Pegu, said a communique issued here.

## Girl Parachutists Aid Soviet Army

MOSCOW, March 8 (AP)—Gang-riding Soviet girl parachutists are killing Germans far behind the lines with the same straight shooting accuracy as their menfolk, it was disclosed for the first time today.

The heroic work of these women soldiers and the war contribution of other wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts were lauded during today's 32nd international women's day celebration.

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## Twin Drive On New Guinea Is In Full Swing

Island Is Only 400 Miles From Australian Mainland; Aussies Work Under Pressure To Prepare For Full Scale Invasion.

(By Vernon A. Haugland, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MELBOURNE, March 8 (AP)—Seven hours after beginning their initial invasion of Australian-mandated New Guinea today the Japanese started a second landing attempt on the same island, only 400 miles from the nearest point of the northern Australian coast.

The first invaders occupied the island city of Salamaua, off southeastern New Guinea, at 2 a. m. and at 9 o'clock the second invasion fleet appeared off Lae, some 35 miles up the coast, under the protection of warships and bombing planes.

The bare announcement of the second operation was made without detail in dispatches from Port Moresby, 150 miles southwest of Salamaua. A brief government statement likewise gave no elaboration of the Salamaua landing.

(Axis sources meanwhile broadcast claims that the United Nations' defenders of Java had surrendered and that the Netherlands East Indies command had asked for cessation of hostilities, but there was no confirmation from London.)

The Japanese apparently struck in northeastern New Guinea to gain control of the airbase at Salamaua as a base for possible extended air attacks against Australia.

Japanese bombers repeatedly have attacked Port Moresby, 150 miles southwest of Salamaua, and the southern coastal city which the Australians consider the best defensive base in New Guinea against the Japanese.

Salamaua is a small island settlement separated from the New Guinea mainland by a narrow channel. Its airbase in peacetime is used principally by commercial companies flying in and out of the gold mining regions of New Guinea. Salamaua has a small harbor but is not considered a port except for coastwise shipping.

The town is confined to one main street. The population is small and the entire district of Morobe in northeastern New Guinea has only 2,000 persons.

Australia braced for eventual attack with hurried military preparations designed to take the offensive against Japanese thrusts.

Adopt Offensive Spirit

MAJ.-GEN. GORDON BENNETT, former commander of Australian forces in Malaya who escaped after the fall of Singapore, told his countrymen in a broadcast "we must adopt the offensive not only with the forces but with the whole people."

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## MacArthur Hears Jap General Commits Suicide

Takes Life In Traditional Fashion Because Of Failure To Overcome American-Filipino Defenders.

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has received persistent reports, the United States War Department said today, that the Japanese army commander in the Philippines has committed suicide because of the invaders' failure to overcome the American-Filipino defenders.

The reports, "from various sources hitherto regarded as reliable," were detailed in a communique which said MacArthur's artillery on the Batan fighting front had inflicted heavy losses on an enemy regiment in another surprise attack.

Guns firing from hidden positions destroyed 29 of 90 motor trucks which were moving an estimated 2,500 enemy troops to the front line north of Abucay.

The reports concerning the Japanese commander, Lt.-Gen. Masaharu Homma, said he committed hara-kiri last month. While the reports lacked complete verification, it was said the funeral rites were held Feb. 26 in Manila, with personal representatives of Emperor Hiro Hito in attendance, after which Homma's ashes were flown to Japan.

Ironically, the reports were that the suicide and funeral rites occurred in the Manila hotel suite.

## Bishop Nelligan Praises Chaplains

QUEBEC, March 8 (CP)—Most Rev. C. L. Nelligan, Bishop of Pembroke, Ont., a native of Prince Edward Island and head of the Catholic Chaplains in the Canadian Army, told a recruiting rally here today that parents "of soldiers, sailors and aviators may rest assured that Catholic Military Chaplains are taking the best of care of their sons spiritually."

"We have throughout Canada and overseas," Bishop Nelligan said, "a group of military chaplains who devote themselves to an extraordinary degree to the spiritual welfare of our troops."

## Bakery Workers Strike

MONTREAL, March 8 (CP)—A strike of 350 members of local 55, International Union of Bakers and Confectioners, for union recognition may restrict the variety of the distribution of bread, bakery officials said tonight.

## Borden - Cape Tormentine Service

Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.

## Coming Events

—Loading hogs at Murray Harbor Monday, March 9th, Murray River Tuesday, March 10th. J. J. Beck, L-792-3-7-21.

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High tide this afternoon at 3:11 and tomorrow morning at 4:24. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:54 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:23. New moon March 16, 6:50 p. m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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