

PHILIPPINES

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an honored name is
Tonight, ~~an odd name is being~~ linked with

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a dishonored name - Aguinaldo and Quissling. Remember Aguinaldo, leader of the Philippine insurrections, who fought our American soldiers with such tenacity and boldness that he won their respect? That same Aguinaldo, who had been made a prisoner by the American forces, gave his allegiance to the United States - and was always regarded as loyal to his word. But now we hear that the Japanese enemy is using Aguinaldo as a Quissling - the way the Nazis are using the original Quissling in Norway as their stooge.

From the Batan peninsula, General MacArthur reports that the Japs are again bombarding the American lines with pamphlets urging - surrender. And this is being supported by radio speeches. From Manila, a broadcast as waddressed to General MacArthur,

and the speaker was Aguinaldo. He argued with our Commander, and urged - surrender.

All of this is in tonight's late army bulletin, which goes on to announce the probable loss of an army transport. This ship, the CYNTHIA OLSEN, has been unreported since the first day of our war with Japan. It is presumed that the thirty-three members of the crew, and two soldiers, were lost. The crew members were civilians.

In the Philippine fighting, American guns have smashed Japanese guns. ^{In} ~~Am~~ a violent artillery battle heavy cannon, presumably those of the Corregidor fortifications, blast^{ed} artillery positions of the enemy, and put them out of commission.

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There's little infantry fighting. Yesterday's lull continues, but we are told the Japanese are landing more reinforcements for an assault against MacArthur's lines.

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Oh yes, and

^ There's nothing at all to indicate any truth

in the enemy claim of sinking two Dutch ~~xxxxxxxx~~

cruisers and damaging an American cruiser. Tokyo

says

~~claims that~~ its dive bombers did the trick, sending

the two Dutch cruisers to the bottom and inflicting

injury on an American cruiser of the Marble Head class.

Washington knows nothing about this.

ADD LEAD

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Today, one hundred and twenty-three years ago,
a great British pro-consul founded a city. ^{that} ~~man~~ ^{was} ~~^~~
Sir Stanford Raffles. The city - Singapore. In
Eighteen Nineteen, Sir Stanford Raffles, as British
Governor in the Malayan area, was in the full tide of
his career ~~that marked him~~ as one of the notable
colonial empire builders. He it was who saw the huge
strategic importance of the island at the southern tip
of the Malay peninsula, then the site of a mere native
fishing village. It was at the crossroads of Asia,
and Sir Stanford Raffles resolved to found a city
there - a metropolis that would at the same time be
dominating the most important
a fortress, ~~and xxxxxxxxxx proceed to xxxxxx~~
water way in the East Indies. And it
~~thrive~~ *became* one of the great cities of this earth.

Today Singapore celebrated its anniversary in
thundering style. Normally, ~~xxxx~~ its large Chinese
population would stage a jubilation by shooting

firecrackers. Today the shooting was done by the firecrackers of war - the massed cannon of Singapore blasting away against the Japanese artillery lining the northern side of the Straït of Johore. The bombardment of ^Ncannon is intense and never ending, as Singapore stands siege. And the din and devastation of air bombs is added - as the Japs strike at the city with one raid after another.

The Japanese bombardment is taken to be a prelude to the tensely ^{awaited}~~awarded~~ all-out assault.

49 { Last night we had Tokyo saying that the big attack had already begun. This apparently was untrue, and just why the Japs said it is not clear. The mass assault is still awaited.

Burma reports things relatively quiet - at least on the ground. There has been vigorous air fighting, in which British and American flyers shot

down eleven enemy planes. Thirty-two Jap aircraft came over, eleven lost.

A heavy enemy attempt to cross the Salween River to outflank the British defenders and stage a drive against Rangoon, was repelled, with large Japanese losses. They ^{have} crossed the river in some places, but only with small patrols.

LIBYA

In Libya, the Nazi panzers are within fifty miles of Tobruk, but Cairo reports that the big battle is yet to come. The main British forces have not yet encountered the enemy.

London claims that Vichy, France, has been sending supplies to General Rommel's Axis army. These charges are denied by Vichy. London admits that the German North African Corps has been reinforced straight from Italy, because the British Navy cannot effectively block the short passage from Sicily to Tripoli. Axis convoys make the run during the night.

WAR COUNCILS

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We've been hearing about the formation of war councils in Washington - councils to coordinate the campaign of the united nations in the southwest Pacific. President Roosevelt stated today that these war councils are actually in operation - and have been ~~xx~~ for about a month.

The President explained the ~~respective function~~ ^{relation to} of the councils ~~in Washington, and the authority~~ ^{and} exercised by ~~British~~ General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander for the United Nations in the ~~Southwest~~ ^{Ocean-Island} ~~Pacific~~ ^{War}. The President drew a familiar distinction

between strategy and tactics. He said these weren't exactly the right words, but ^{they'd have} ~~it had~~ to do. ^{Λ Λ Λ} The

^{narrower} ~~smaller~~ questions of tactics, of local decisions on the scene of battle, are left to General Wavell. The broader questions of strategy, are referred to the councils in Washington - and also to the British

military chiefs in London.

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It all works something like this:- If a vital question is raised, two written copies of the question are prepared. One is sent to Washington and handed to the councils. The other is sent to London. If there should be a disagreement between Washington and London on any such subject, the highest authorities for the two governments would make a final decision - and those highest authorities obviously mean the President himself and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The President added that no disagreement has yet arisen.

SINKINGS

Another ship has been sunk off our coast.

The Navy announced today that on Wednesday night, night before last - the tanker INDIA ARROW was ~~torpedoed~~ torpedoed off New Jersey. Twenty-six members of the crew are missing. Eleven were saved - they were adrift in a lifeboat for thirty-six hours before they were picked up. ^W They tell of another lifeboat crowded with men. What happened to it? We do not know. ^W The INDIA ARROW represents the seventeenth sinking in the Nazi U-boat campaign off the Atlantic seaboard, and it's the biggest tanker known to have been lost. The ship went down in a tempest of blazing oil.

~~And~~ Canada reports the loss of a tanker.

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It ~~was~~ Sunk off the Canadian coast, after being torpedoed by a U-boat. Six survivors were picked up by a fishing boat. Nothing is known about the fate of the forty-two other members of the crew.

In London, a British spokesman stated today that Nazi Germany is now putting forth its greatest effort in the Battle of the Atlantic. "Germany is using more submarines than ever before," he said. And the result is that January was a bad month for ship sinkings. The London spokesman explains that the bad record for January was largely because of the sinkings off the coast of the United States. The spokesman described these as -- "very heavy."

ALIENS

The Department of Justice is thinking of asking Congress for a law to permit them to hold any citizen in what is called - "protective custody." Meaning - a citizen might be arrested and held for the duration of the war on the ground that this might be in the interest of the defense of the nation.

Such a law would apply to everybody, but the Department of Justice regards it as a possible way to deal with the Japanese problem on the Pacific Coast. Many Japanese out there were born in this country and therefore are American citizens, but people are saying that these citizens are often more dangerous than actual aliens.

Attorney General Biddle is said to be reluctant to ask for a law that would permit any citizen to be taken into ^{protective} custody. He realizes that such an amount of power could be dangerous, if used improperly.

SABOTAGE

A spokesman for the California oil industry stated today that there's a big sabotage plot against the oil fields on the Pacific coast, And he said that they've set -- " a zero hour." He doesn't explain what kind of people are plotting the sabotage, but the ready surmise would be -- the Japanese on the coast. He was quite alarming about it and used the following words: "Reliable information indicate that a formidable sabotage program is awaiting the zero hour."

SENTENCE

President Roosevelt today issued an order permitting the Army to impose the death sentence. The military forces will now be allowed to decree punishment according to the severe code provided in the Article of War.

In normal peacetime, there's a milder limit to the penalties that may be inflicted by a court martial. But now, in war time, the President has removed all such limitations. The offenses for which the death penalty may be applied are desertion, and aiding or advising desertion. Also misbehavior by a sentry on duty.

POLITICS

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The President today made a statement aimed at congressional elections next fall. He was asked about a thing said recently by Edward J. Flynn, National Democratic Chairman. Flynn made a speech with reference to the congressional campaign, took a fling at the Republicans, and said that ^{if a} ~~xxxxxxx~~ congress hostile to the war administration were elected, it would be the equivalent of a major military defeat. ^R Commenting on that, the President ^{remarked that} ~~declared~~ he had no feeling about the political affiliations of members of Congress - didn't care ~~xxxxx~~ much whether they were Democrats or Republicans. The whole question concerned their attitude toward the government. He said that when a country is at war, we want Congressmen who back up their government ^{so doing.} ~~and have a record of backing up their government.~~

MRS. R.

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A new bundles campaign was stated in Congress today - bundles for Eleanor. What's to be in the packages? Civilian Defense jobs for Mrs. Roosevelt to hand out to her friends - that seems to be the idea of Congressman Hoffman of Michigan, who is the sponsor of this latest bundles drive.

~~There have been a number of congressional complaints about appointments made by the Office of Civilian Defense.~~ Lawmakers have been protesting because Motion Picture Actor Melvyn Douglas was given a civilian defense post. He has been denounced as - "a parlor pink." The latest outcry concerns the naming of Miss Mayris Chaney. ~~She's~~ a dancer and a *She invented the Eleanor Glide,* close friend of the First Lady. And now she gets a ~~forty-six hundred dollar~~ civilian defense post.

The appointment is attributed to the influence of Mrs. Roosevelt who, of course, is a high

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ranking official in the O.C.D. set-up. ~~She~~ has been criticized on previous occasions on the ground that she tried to help the New York Youth leader, Joseph Lash, to get a commission in the Navy as an intelligence officer. Lash has been frequently called a Communist, though he has always denied membership in the Red party. The Navy turned him down as an intelligence officer, and now Lash has been given a civilian defense post - without salary, I believe.

~~Quite a bit of congressional indignation is~~
~~being expressed because of the way ^{O.C.D.} civilian defense~~
~~jobs are being passed around.~~ Congressman Leland Ford
all of these
of California calls ~~them~~ "glamor appointments."

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We've ~~all~~ heard about glamor girls, but this is something new - glamor appointments for civilian defense jobs.

Today Congressman Leland Ford addressed to

Congress this portentous question:- "Can not our people come to the realization," he demanded, "that this war was not put on for the purpose of social gatherings, a great playtime, and a Roman holiday - to be paid for at the expense of the United States and the taxpayers?"

This oratory was a prelude to the consideration of a bill to provide ~~xxxxxx~~ money for the Office of Civilian Defense - an appropriation of a hundred million dollars. And promptly Congressman Taber of New York announced that he would offer an amendment providing that Civilian Defense must remove from its payroll what he called "parasites and leeches."

Congressman Faddis of Pennsylvania spoke up in support of the amendment, and said that ^{the} Screen Actor, Melvyn Douglas, accused of being a parlor pink, is drawing an amount of pay per day that comes to the

rate of eight thousand dollars a year. "That's as much as we're paying ~~xxxxxx~~ General Douglas MacArthur for his heroic stand in the Philippines," roared the Congressman. ^R He then went on to say that Mrs. Roosevelt's friend, Dancer Mayris Chaney, is being put on the payroll at forty-six hundred dollars a year. "That's twice as much as we were paying Captain Colin Kelly," shouted the Congressman. And he went on to refer to the widow of our first hero of this war, who gave his life after bombing the first battleship to be sunk by the United States. "Why hasn't somebody suggested giving Mrs. Kelly a job?" demanded the Congressman. "She hasn't a chance. She's not on the Dies Committee blacklist," he added bitterly.

Well Before the lawmakers have finished deliberating on the hundred million dollar appropriation for civilian defense, the glamor of the glamor appointments may be a bit tarnished.

SAILOR

In Congress today an accusation was made that a sailor was discharged from the Navy because of alleged Communist activities - which might give the impression that they don't want Reds in the fleet.

The Secretary of the Navy explained that Sailor Zysman was let out because he'd been previously dismissed as a teacher in New York schools. And now Congressman Marcantonio writes the following to the Secretary: "Zysman was dismissed by the Board of Education of New York because of alleged Communist activity. Therefore," he concludes, "you are in fact discharging Mr. Zysman because of alleged Communist activities."

MITCHELL

58 1/2 At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, today Corporal John Mitchell announced that he's going to enter the armored force, the tank service. ~~There doesn't seem to be anything peculiar about that, ~~xxxxxxx~~ till we hear~~
And ~~that~~ Corporal Mitchell is a son of the late General Billy Mitchell - the apostle of army aviation who was broken because of the way he advocated air power, in of season and out of season.

His son was taken into the army as a private four months ago, and was assigned to the field artillery. He's now a corporal, ~~and is~~ enrolled to prepare for an officer's commission, soon to become a second-lieutenant. And today he asked to be transferred. ^R You'd think of course that Billy Mitchell's son would instinctively head for the Air Corps, following his father along the sky trails. But no, Corporal John Mitchell picks the armored forces, the tank service. Perhaps he remembers

too well his father's career as the apostle of
army aviation - career and downfall.

And now Hugh, with
a message about the gravity
of these days.