

MACARTHUR IN AUSTRALIA COMMANDER

U. S. General Gets Out Of Philippines

Takes Over Command of United Nations Forces WASHINGTON—(AP)—The arrival of General Douglas MacArthur in Australia to assume the supreme United Nations command in that region was announced today by the War Department.

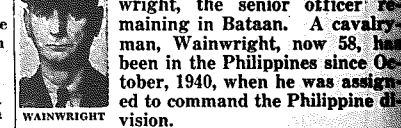


GENERAL MACARTHUR... Allied commander in the Antipodes

Yanks On Hand To Welcome General

Stimson Announces Considerable American Force in Australia WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Yanks have landed down under—in force—ready to fight side by side with the Aussies in the battle for the AEF in the Antipodes is composed of ground troops and air corps units.

Big Battle In Donets



Direct command of the forces in the Philippines passes to Major General Jonathan M. Wainwright, the senior officer remaining in Bataan. A cavalryman, Wainwright, now 58, has been in the Philippines since October, 1940, when he was assigned to command the Philippine division.

Born in Walla Walla, Wash., Wainwright was graduated from West Point in 1906 and he holds the Distinguished Service Medal for staff duties with the AEF in France during the First World War.

Among the men now under MacArthur in Australia are the "considerable numbers" making up the expeditionary force of American ground troops and air corps units announced yesterday by Secretary of War Stimson.

MacArthur, since first reports, on December 10, of Japanese attempts to invade the island of Luzon in the Philippines, has commanded the amazing defense of those islands, fighting the numerically superior

Newsroom Note: Reception Of A Flash

A pretty good imitation of the rebel yell rang out in the news room today when the flash came through. "MacArthur arrives in Australia!" Even the society department took time out from recording the rounds of weddings and teas to utter the feminine equivalent of "hot dog!"

WEATHER

Much cooler tonight Today's Temp.: H., 67; L., 60 Sunset Today 7:35 Sunrise Tomorrow 7:29 Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 10.

148 Killed, 1,000 Hurt By Terrific Tornadoes

Seven States Hit By Storms By ASSOCIATED PRESS Tornadoes sweeping through seven Southern and Mid-Western states yesterday killed 148 persons, injured about 1,000 and smashed millions of dollars worth of property.

Table with columns: State, Dead, Injured. Mississippi: 73, 650; Illinois: 20, 170; Tennessee: 27, 100; Kentucky: 24, 60; Indiana: 4, 40; Alabama: 2, 20.

Mississippi, hardest hit, rushed all available aid to the disaster zone, covering an area 120 miles wide and about 100 miles deep. The section, mostly rural with only a few scattered towns, was without communication for several hours in many places. Torrential rains followed the high winds and washed out many roads.

S. C. Spy Gets 3-Year Term

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—Herman Tracer Green, an assistant engineering aide at the Charleston Ordnance Depot, was sentenced to serve three years and pay a \$200 fine after pleading guilty to an espionage charge in Federal Court today.

MacArthur Defending Continent Almost As Large As America

By the most direct measurement from Hawaii to Cape York, northernmost point of Australia, JAPAN CLOSER Japan is closer—less than 3,800 miles—but her warships and transports will be farther away from Tokyo than they ever have been before in this war of the Southwest Pacific.

Labor Yields Its Right To Strike For The Duration

Better Answer to Production Problems Than Restrictive Legislation WASHINGTON—(AP)—The leaders of organized labor indicated today that labor had yielded the right to strike during the war as a more satisfactory answer to the problems of production and national unity than restrictive enactments by Congress.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, chairman of the CIO, who called at the White House with members of the Labor-War board, disclosed after an hour's conference with the President that it was agreed wage rates and standards would be fixed without resort to strikes, or interruption to production.

Demand Repeal Of 40-Hour Week

George and Vandenberg Warn That U. S. Might Lose the War WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senators George, Democrat, Georgia, and Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, warned the Senate today that the United States might lose the war as they joined in a demand for repeal of the 40-hour week law and a limit on both profits and wage increases.

This spoke as the Senate took up legislation increasing the Federal debt limit from the present \$65,000,000,000 to \$130,000,000,000 in order to help finance munitions war costs. Vandenberg boomed, as he demanded that lawmakers quit trying to "fool ourselves and the public."

Jap Fleet Moves South

LONDON—(AP)—"Dispatches from Australia to some London newspapers, which informed sources here could not confirm, reported today that the Japanese navy force which participated in the invasion of Java now is moving southward on Australia. This force was said to include cruisers, airplane carriers and scores of destroyers.

Britishers Interned In French Morocco

LONDON—(Reuters)—Reported from Tangier today that French authorities in Morocco have ordered internment of all British subjects between 18 and 30 residing in coast towns. The number involved is believed to be about 2,000.

Note To Readers Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other enemy countries are published by The News and the caution that they frequently contain false statements intended for propaganda purposes. This should be taken into consideration when reading the stories credited to Axis sources.

U. S. Cargo Ship Sunk In Atlantic City Area

14 Rescued and 20 Reported Missing NEW YORK—(AP)—Fourteen survivors of an American merchant ship, torpedoed last Saturday off Atlantic City, N. J., have landed at Staten Island. Twenty men were reported missing.

Out Of The Night Of Norway

LONDON—(AP)—The Norwegian Government in Oslo, fled into exile today a pamphlet telling of Nazi-inflicted tortures in Oslo, the publication of which provoked the temporary suspension of 17 Swedish newspapers last week by the neutral Swedish Government.

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