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# Think Nazi Built Ships Attacking **MacArthur**

## Inusual Markings n Raiding Planes

based on reports rec to 9:30 A. M., EWT:

# F. R. Streamlines Army In Sweeping Reorganization

## Military Functions Grouped Into Three Basic Units

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt ordered day a streamlined reorganization of the Army, giving new ecognition to the importance of the air forces. Abolishing numerous time-honor laterals, Mr. Roosevelt's Execution of the Lieutenant. General control of the co

**Union Wins** 

Anti-Racketeer Act

Attack Upon Iceland Seen

In Ruling

Doesn't Apply

# British Hold West Bank Of Sittang

## Strive To Smash Japanese Thrusts **Toward Burmess Capital**

LONDON.—(AP)—British patrols ranging alon ang River fought today to break up feeler thrust anese forces massed in gathering strength for a set the river toward virtually deserted Rangoon di Irrawaddy, and the approaches to India.

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# New U. S. Destroyer Bags Sub First Trip

# Washington Concerned Over Java's Dire Plight

## More Bad News Awaited

WASHINGTON.

royers out of action.

Advices from Java indicate that the sea fighting has since become fiercer, and major losses of Dutch units have been acknowledged. How U. S. vessels have fared was not indicated, but the character of the action ted the capital to expect American losses.



# Nazis Admit Great Red Army Power

Germans Fighting Only Defensively, High Command Reports

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Hitler High Command gave the German people
y an inkling of the scope of the Russian counter-ofive, with the added admission that the Reich's armies

communique, confessing this of initiative, said: in the Crimes, on the Donets of and southeast strong Lening, defensive ting said continues, ting said continues, and continues that far of the Red Demanded by's striking power.

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## Marshall Deplores Calls To Keep Men at Home

# Furious Blows Delivered By Isle Defenders

## Situation Admittedly Grave but Japs Are Taking Terrific Pounding

By WITT HANCOCK

BANDOENG, Java. (By Telephone to New York) 10:30 P. M., (12 Noon EWT)—(AP)—An Allied counte stroke delivered against Japanese invasion forces wedgin to Java was declared officially tonight to have "developed satisfactorily" but all details of the hard fighting defined to the country of the

ense were kept secret.

The official war report acknowledged flatly that "the

BATAVIA, Tuesday.—(AP)—Destruction of all vital installations in this capital of The Netherlands East Indies has been started as a preliminary measure. Aneta agency said today, quoting an authoritative source. It added, however, that there was "no question" of any immediate threat to the city.

tuation in some parts of Java is obviously critical" budded that the invaders were "receiving blows, hammend tongs."

"Up to now," it continued, "there is no informa-tion received about fifth column activities.
"Everywhere our troops are going to meet the Inpances..."
"Although there is no question of a first threat to Batavia, vital objectives are being made uncless to exclude all risks."

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The Dutch and Allied counter moves against the havaders' three hard-won beachheads were described in the communique with these words:

"From well-informed circles it is heard that action against the Japanese troops developed satisfactorily. Although in connection with the character of the operations no details can be published, it can be said that the enemy received fair hits."

## NO NEW LANDINGS

Aneta reported that up to a short time before mid-night there had been no word of any new Japanese land-ings on the Java coast or of the approach of any new invasion armada.

(Informed circles in London said that despite staggering losses inflicted on the invaders by Allied air attacks and the stubborn ground defense, the Japanese were believed to have landed five and a half divisions—some 85.000 men—on Java.

("They are willing to gamble at least ten divisions, or 150,000 men, on the subjugation of Java," one source said. "Their losses have been heavy in men, but losses of material will be what will stop them.")

A desperately determined taxicab army has be shed into a counter attack and may already have four vital engagement against invaders who in two sho

# Reporter Gets Close To Fighting On Java

## WEATHER



