

# ALLIES ON OFFENSIVE IN JAVA

## Gigantic Treasury Tax Program Given To Congress

### U. S. DESTROYER SUNK OFF JERSEY

## Income Levy Rates Shoot Up Sharply

### \$9,610,000,000 War Tax Program Would Hit Every Home

WASHINGTON (AP)—A \$9,610,000,000 war tax program "to be felt in every American home" was laid before Congress and the nation today by Secretary Morgenthau.

"The new taxes will be severe, and their impact will be felt in every American home," the Treasury chief told a House Ways and Means Committee. "War is never cheap, but . . . it is a million times cheaper to win than lose."

The additional taxes which he proposed would, by themselves, be more than double the amount of the Federal Government in a single year prior to 1941.

Part of the tax probably would be deducted from paychecks.

He also recommended higher taxes on corporations, plugging of so-called loopholes, new and higher excise taxes on fifteen items such as soda pop and automobiles.

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## American Island In Atlantic Shelled

### Mona Island, Off Puerto Rico, Is Target of Attack

By JOHN P. MCKNIGHT

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico. — (AP) — An enemy ship shelled Mona Island off Puerto Rico yesterday, Governor Rexford Guy Tugwell's office announced today.

It was the first shelling of United States territory on the Atlantic since the war started.

Presumably a submarine shelled the island, almost halfway between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

NYA CAMP THERE

"A National Youth Administration camp is on the twenty-mile square island, 50 miles west of Mayaguez."

Remberte Casaba, assistant head of the camp, reported the attack, but said no damage or casualties resulted.

"If you ever get a telegram from the shells landed far up on the rocky cliffs of the island," Casaba's radiogram addressed to Sam P. Gilstray, director of the NYA, said the boys of the youth camp were fighting for their country.

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## Reds Loose In Big Attacks

### Strike Along Whole of Great Front

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massed Russian attacks "on a scale not hitherto reached in the war" were reported by a German military spokesman today, who said Hitler's field headquarters knew that the Red armies were unleashing powerful new offensives along the entire 1,200-mile front.

Fresh details were lacking on the Russian drive south of Leningrad, where survivors of the German Sixteenth Army estimated at more than 90,000 were reported caught in a gigantic Russian encirclement.

Nazi High Command cited strong attacks on the Crimean front, where the Russian forces were reported to have broken through the lines of the long battle front.

BITTER FIGHTING

The High Command said the attacks were either "frustrated" or repulsed after bitter fighting.

A Berlin military spokesman said the Russian were marshaling prodigious forces all along the front.

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## British Hold Sittang Line, Get Set For All-Out Jap Assault

LONDON—(AP)—The British and Indian defenders of Burma, now under the direction of General Archibald Wavell, were reported today holding fast along the line of the Sittang River, and getting themselves for a full scale battle when the Japanese were believed preparing to launch from the east.

Along the Salween River, the communique reported, the position generally was unchanged after "skirmishes" between British Imperial and Japanese forces at one point. RAF fighters and bombers attacked Japanese lines and

## Heavy Loss Of Life as Submarine Gets Victim

### Sinking Occurs Off Cape May

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy announced today that the Destroyer Jacob Jones was sunk by an enemy submarine off Cape May, N. J., before dawn Feb. 28 and that only eleven men of the destroyer's crew survived.

The number of those lost, including the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Commander H. D. Black of Orford, N. J., was not given but was far more than 100 since the normal wartime complement of the destroyer was around 145 officers and men.

Two torpedoes hit the Jacob Jones. The first one blew up the bow and apparently killed all personnel on the bridge as well as men sleeping in the forward bunks, quarters of the ship. The second torpedo blew up the stern and all the depth charges.

The eleven survivors consisted of nine enlisted men from the engine room and two apprentice seamen, and eleven, only one man was outside the amidships section when the stern was blown up. That one was in the after engine room.

NO WARNING OF ATTACK

In its communique regarding the sinking, the Navy said that neither the enemy submarine nor the torpedo was sighted prior to the first hit.

After the first hit blew up the destroyer's bow, the submarine circled ahead of her and fired the torpedo which caused the terrible explosion of the depth charges in the stern.

The Jacob Jones was the ninth naval ship lost so far in the war, including the Reuben James, which was torpedoed last Fall prior to formal United States declaration of war.

THREE FIGHTING SHIPS

The others of the previous eight were three combatant ships, a minesweeper and the destroyer USS Reuben James, the tanker Neches, torpedoed in unidentified waters; and the Coast Guard cutter Alexander Hamilton, torpedoed off Iceland.

The loss of the Alexander Hamilton with moderate casualties was announced Feb. 23. The following day the USS Reuben James (Tugwell) and the store ship Pollux in a storm off Newfoundland with a crew of 100.

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## Big Sweep In Australia

### Japs Extend Their Air Operations

CANBERRA, Australia. — (AP) — Greatly extending their operations against Australia's northeastern coast, Japanese planes in almost simultaneous attacks today struck at airbase facilities and grounded planes in the town of Wyndham and Broome.

The Naval base port of Darwin was the first point on the Australian mainland to feel Japanese air blows. These latest raids represented a sweep of 700 miles to the west of Darwin, on the coast of Australia nearest the Netherlands East Indies war zone.

NO CASUALTIES

A Royal Australian Air Force communique said there was some damage at both towns but no casualties.

(Wyndham is 200 miles southwest of Darwin, North Australian port which has been the focus of earlier Japanese air attacks. Broome is 400 miles southwest of Wyndham.)

The Japanese used only machine guns and cannon in their attack on the air facilities at Wyndham and Broome, where a plane was dropped at Broome.

The raids were directed at airbase facilities and grounded aircraft, the communique said.

Italian Ships Hit by British

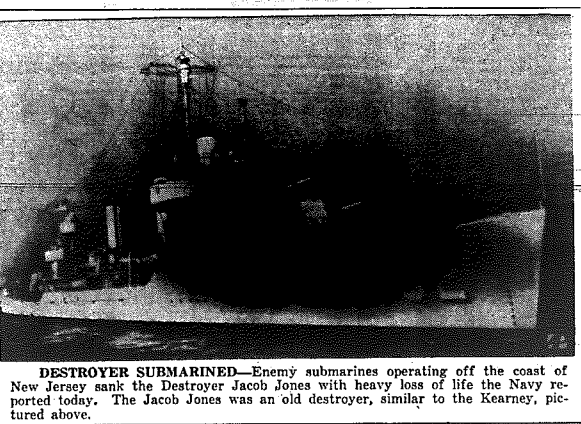
ROME (From Italian Broadcasts)—Several merchant ships in the harbor of Palermo, Sicily, were hit by British bombers in two attacks last night and one of the vessels was sunk, the Italian High Command said today.

"So far two persons are reported killed and ten injured among the crew of the Italian submarine. The time and site of the action were not specified."

Italian naval planes were declared to have sunk a British submarine in the Mediterranean.

For Salad, No Doubt

VAN NUYS, Calif. — (AP) — These men held a pistol on an employee of the Supreme Oil Company, leisurely loaded fifteen 35-gallon drums of olive oil onto a truck and drove away. Loss was estimated at \$5,000.



DESTROYER SUBMERINED—Enemy submarines operating off the coast of New Jersey sank the Destroyer Jacob Jones with heavy loss of life the Navy reported today. The Jacob Jones was an old destroyer, similar to the Kearney, pictured above.

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Here's how it would work at the ten per cent rate:

Salaries and Wages—Any employee paying more than \$16 a week to a single person or more than \$32 a week to a married person would check off ten per cent of any wages in excess of those amounts, and send the money to the Treasury every month. If the employee had children or other dependents, an additional \$3.50 a week would be exempt from the deduction for each dependent. Thus a married man with two

## Counter-Push At Invaders Being Pressed

### Air and Naval Forces Seek To Cut Off Jap Sea Lanes of Retreat

BANDEONG, Java, Wednesday, March 4. — (AP) — American, Dutch and other Allied ground forces early today were pressing home a counter-offensive against the Japanese invaders of Java while the United Nations' air and naval units sought to cut off the enemy's sea lanes of retreat and possible reinforcement.

Dutch bombers struck some of their heaviest blows at the fleet which put ashore troops near Rembang in north-eastern Java. Aneta News Agency reported on good authority that only five ships remained of the twelve which originally had made up this concentration.

Shortly before midnight an authorized spokesman told Aneta: "It can be stated without reservation that the situation remains well in hand on all fronts."

JAP RAIDERS STRIKE

Enemy air raiders, meanwhile, smashed at this headquarter city of the Dutch Command in a heavy attack yesterday.

Aneta said two persons were known to have been killed and full casualty figures were not immediately available.

The raiders came over in fighter-escorted formations of bombers, strafing and a half dozen in this morning, holding their formations despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and the fearless attacks of enormously outnumbered United Nations fighter planes.

STRAFE STREETS

Although 40 enemy bombers and 13 protecting fighters were overhead at one time, officials said "military damage was slight. Abandoned homes near the airfield were destroyed and, during bombing raids, the enemy fighters dived to machine-gun the streets.

Although word had been current that huge new invasion armadas, bearing heavy reinforcements toward the island shores, was being hastened by relays of American transport planes, the Aneta news agency said Manila on Feb. 27, P. M. (AP) A. H. EWY) nothing was known from sources who were not believed.

The communique announced that a large Japanese "land" had been sunk off the Java coast and that Allied bombers had scored direct hits on two enemy transporters of 10,000 and 15,000 tons, but made no reference to any new approach of an enemy fleet.

TOLL OF 30 SHIPS

The new figures boosted the enemy's toll off Java to 39 warships.

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## Jap Ships Shell Philippine Ports

### Land Troops From Transports on Southwest Tip of Mindanao

WASHINGTON (AP) — Japanese naval units are shelling several ports on three islands of the Philippines, the War Department reported today, and are landing troops from a convoy of four transporters escorted by a cruiser at Zamboanga on the southwest tip of Mindanao.

There was virtually no ground or air activity over General Douglas MacArthur's positions in Batavia Peninsula, the Department's communique said, but the Japanese appear to be attempting to extend their occupation of the southern islands of the Philippines.

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Mindanao is the largest island of the Philippine group, and the region of Davao on Mindanao has been the only sizable area occupied by the Japanese in the entire archipelago except for the large northern island of Luzon, where Manila is located and where MacArthur's main forces are fighting.

## WEATHER

Continued rather cold with slightly higher temperatures tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 41; L. 30  
Sunrise Today: 7:10  
Sunset Tomorrow: 7:10  
Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 10.

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